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3 drug-injection sites would help Toronto: Study

Public health. Supervised injection facilities would prevent HIV and hepatitis C infections: Researchers

Toronto and Ottawa would both benefit from supervised injection sites, according to a long-awaited study on the issue.

Researchers recommend Toronto create three sites where addicts can use illicit drugs, such as heroin, in a clean, safe environment under the supervision of trained staff. They said Ottawa would benefit from two such sites.

The study did not recommend specific locations for sites in Toronto or Ottawa.

It would be up to both cities to figure out how best to proceed with the recommendations, if at all, the researchers said.

"Using multiple sources of data, we projected that supervised injection facilities would prevent HIV and hepatitis C infections and result in meaningful health benefits for people who use drugs in Toronto and Ottawa," co-lead researcher Dr. Carol Strike of the University of Toronto said in a release.

The study, called the Toronto and Ottawa Supervised Consumption Assessment, stems from a recommendation in the Toronto Drug Strategy, which was approved by Toronto council in December 2005.

Currently, Insite in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside is the only supervised consumption site in Canada.

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Doubts

"I have some doubts as to whether or not there is real benefit and whether or not you don't just attract more problems."

Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday
He wants council to see all the "facts and figures" behind the study before Toronto decides whether to welcome a safe-injection site.

ROCKET MAN

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Adham Fisher jots down notes at McCowan subway station in advance of his attempt to visit every TTC station as quickly as possible. He tries this all over the world, and last week came within 19 minutes of beating the Guinness World Record for New York City. KATIE DAUBS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bubbles blasts into the finals

Two Canadians have made the cut for the final countdown in Metro's Race for Space, including one of the Trailer Park Boys PAGES 22-23

Lettuce show you the way

Sexy PETA ambassadors will show up to city hall, wearing nothing but the leafy vegetable in an effort to convince the mayor to go vegan PAGE 4

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Investigation

Teenager shot at townhouse

A man in his late teens was shot Wednesday afternoon at a townhouse complex in Etobicoke.

The victim was conscious and breathing when he was rushed to hospital, said Toronto Police Const. Tony Vella. He is in serious condition with a gunshot wound to the leg, EMS officials said.

The shooting took place around 1:30 p.m. at 607 The East Mall, north of Rathburn Road.

The police K9 unit was called in to help search the area. A gun was recovered from the scene.

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Odd theft

Paramedics lose a defibrillator

Police and paramedics are searching for a defibrillator and the person who stole it from a Keele Street apartment building during a medical call.

Paramedics were with a patient in an apartment at 3700 Keele St. and left the defibrillator in the hallway outside the door when it was taken.

Use of a defibrillator requires training and could be dangerous in the wrong hands.

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Beating death

Inmate gets life for killing man

A man who admitted to beating a fellow Toronto jail inmate to death over a bag of potato chips has been sentenced to life in prison.

Troy Victor Campbell, 26, had pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Jeff Munro at the Don Jail in November of 2009.

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'I know you're trying to kill me'

James Hoy was riding a Harley-Davidson up Highway 115 when he decided to lay it on the line.

Melanie Bos, his fiancée, was on the back of the motorcycle.

Hoy, a former union leader at General Motors' Oshawa plant, turned to his lover, a rising star in GM management, and shouted what had been on his mind since a fire mysteriously broke out in the walls of his home days before.

"I know you're trying to kill me," Hoy said, "and I know you don't have the money for the church in Picton."

James Hoy

Melanie Bos

These details emerged as Hoy took the stand on the second day of his former fiancée's arson trial in Oshawa Wednesday. It is alleged Bos set his home on fire and damaged his property while he slept in June 2009.

The Crown's case is built around a $100,000 down payment that Hoy says Bos was supposed to make on the Picton church, a commercial property they were set to purchase together.

Hoy testified Bos did not have the money she promised and went to great lengths to avoid making the payment, including faking a stroke and blaming a lost cheque on an unnamed "twit" at their lawyer's office.

Justice Bryan Shaughnessy heard that Bos became the sole beneficiary to her fiancé's estate six weeks before the fire and that Hoy believed she wanted him dead.

Bos and Hoy worked together at GM nearly every day from the mid 1990s until he retired in 2007, but the pair only started dating after he retired, the former union leader testified.

Hoy testified that Bos had told him as far back as the early 2000s that she was divorced and, in February 2009, she told him her ex-husband had died. Hoy soon learned that Bruce Bos was very much alive and still married to the woman he himself was engaged to.

Hoy is set to take the stand again Thursday for cross-examination. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Friends remember teen struck by train

Fatal accident.
Mississauga student was crossing the tracks when she was killed

Mamta Singh TUMBLR

Classes had just ended at Port Credit Secondary when friends of Mamta Singh, a popular Grade 11 student, began arriving at the GO station a short walk from the Mississauga school.

The puffy-eyed teenagers, who were carrying flowers, came to pay tribute to Singh, 17, who died Tuesday afternoon when she was struck and killed by a train while trying to cross the tracks just east of Port Credit station. The teens were grieving, but they were also mad.

"If you go to where the accident happened ... there is a fence, but it's not even half a metre off the ground. It's broken," said Haris Mujanovic.

Warning signs are posted where police said Singh accessed the tracks. But her friends say many students use that spot as a shortcut because it's the most convenient place to cross over to the other side.

"There should be more, safer places to walk," said one friend.

"Because there's no fence, we just figure, go," said another.

According to police, Singh was on the tracks with a friend and had her back to a westbound train. The friend was able to jump to safety.

The Peel school board sent a team of counsellors and social workers to the school early Wednesday to help students and staff cope with the teenager's death.

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Friends and fellow students from Port Credit Secondary School lay flowers near the spot where Mamta Singh was struck by a GO train and killed Tuesday. Many of her friends are angry that fencing near the spot where Singh died has been trampled down — another friend died crossing the tracks three years ago. KATE ALLEN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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On the web

A whale of a birth

A baby beluga is coming to Georgia Aquarium. The world's largest aquarium has a rare beluga whale pregnancy, the first mammal to conceive at the downtown Atlanta attraction since it opened in 2005. Watch the video at metronews.ca

Science or sci-fi?

Fact or fiction? Could you blow up the Death Star? Or teleport, like in Star Trek? Those and other myths explained, as scientists discuss fact versus science fiction. More at metronews.ca

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"My advice to the taxpayer would be: 'Don't send us any more activists, don't send us any more unionists, don't send us any more cyclists. Send us some people down here with good common sense who just want to manage the city's affairs."

Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday, who made the comment Wednesday shortly before council voted 29-12 to defy Mayor Rob Ford and seize oversight of any future contracting-out of city cleaning jobs. Ford, who campaigned on cutting the city workforce, wanted control to remain with an internal committee

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TTC. Finding the faster way to ride the rocket

Adham Fisher holds his backpack in his hands and weaves around two men on the Union Station escalator. They do a double-take as he sprints toward the waiting train.

In Fisher's world of record-setting transit riding, every second counts and dirty looks are expected.

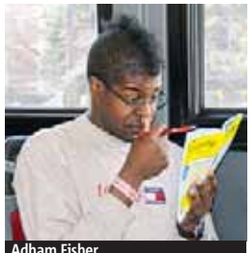
"One train missed could be the end of the fastest time," he explains.

The 27-year-old Brit came to Toronto to visit every TTC subway station as quickly as possible. He tries this all over the world — and attempts official Guinness records where they exist, in London and New York. To date, he has yet to break any, but came within 19 minutes of the New York City record last week — with a time of 23 hours, 11 minutes and 24 seconds.

Fisher applies the Guinness rules to every attempt, even those not officially recognized, like Toronto. He visits each station in the system and jots down the arrival and departure times from each "down to the second." He collects witness signatures every step of the way and takes photos of each station as the doors open and shut.

"You have to be prepared to annoy a lot of fellow passengers, especially in rush hour," says the man who always gets on a subway car, no matter how full it is.

Fisher works seasonally at Formula One campsites. He funds these transit trips out of pocket.



Adham Fisher
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On Wednesday, his TTC research mission does not begin well. He sleeps late on account of some residual jet lag, his phone dies and the TTC station he visits is out of weekly passes so he has to buy a day pass, which doesn't swipe.

But this is why research is important. With a notebook and map in hand, he says "aha!" frequently and jots down which subway car and door are closest to his next destination.

"Carriage three, door four," he says, noting the quick getaway from the Sheppard line to Yonge.

Fisher made his first all-station attempt in 2004. He doesn't know why he continues, except for the fact that it's fun. He doesn't know how long the attempt will take this Thursday. While Torontonians have made videos of visits to every station, the TTC isn't aware of any official timed record, and it appears Fisher is setting the unofficial time to beat.

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'Lettuce Ladies' ask Ford to go vegan

PETA. Vegan activists to attend mayor's public weigh-in with a plea to cut the meat

Two weeks ago, a stripper performed at City Hall. She was fully clothed.

The vegans will not be.

The vegans will be clothed in lettuce. Only lettuce. They will be carrying vegan jerky, which is a thing. And they will be offering it to Rob Ford at his public weigh-in on Monday, as part of an effort to convince the dieting mayor to become a vegan himself.

They will fail. But they will succeed because reporters will do stories on them, and those stories will mention that they, the "Lettuce Ladies," are affiliated with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and PETA will get a free opportunity to extol the benefits of veganism.

"Meat, eggs and dairy products are all saturated with fat and cholesterol, and going vegan is really the only proven way to drop the pounds and keep them off," said PETA campaign co-ordinator Laura Wilson.

Ford's chuckling spokesperson had no immediate comment.

Councillor Doug Ford, who gave up red meat as a young man because of his job handling beef at a predecessor to Maple Leaf Foods, did not respond to an interview request.

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Quoted

"We're in a crisis right now. Cancer, diabetes, heart disease and stroke are all huge problems ... and it's really time for Mayor Ford to set an example for people in his city by eating right and going vegan."

PETA campaign coordinator Laura Wilson

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Lettuce Ladies, Canadian model and former Playmate of the Year Jayde Nicole and Playmate Jo Garcia, attend the annual Congressional Veggie Dog Lunch in Washington, DC. CONTRIBUTED

School trustee singing a patriotic tune

O Canada? More like no Canada.

So many students are merely listening to the national anthem each morning in schools that one Toronto trustee is proposing they be told to sing it — without music — every day.

"What has happened over the years is there's a CD that all the schools have, and they just play it," said Trustee Angela Kennedy of the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

"I think it makes people lazy and the expectation is that people not sing. And when you get to big events (like graduations), people aren't singing either. ... It's unpatriotic, and I think as educators we need to be instilling some better values around patriotism and good citizenship."

Kennedy's motion, which comes before the board next week, notes that even though singing "O Canada" is required during the daily opening exercises, that doesn't happen. She wants the rules changed so "students will sing 'O Canada' a cappella."

While acknowledging there may be some resistance — and students may feel embarrassed — she's open to other suggestions. Her music-less version is a low-cost option, she added.

"I thought I should address (the issue), get it out there for public debate."

At least one school in her board is already in tune with the idea. St. Vincent de Paul principal Krystyna Schneider has students at the arts-based elementary school sing the anthem just after 9 a.m., alternating between English and French each day given the school's strong French program.

While they often sing to musical accompaniment, Schneider — a pianist and musician herself — invites students to perform without accompaniment over the public address system at least once a week. Even the Grade 7 and 8 boys participate, sometimes on a dare, "and then they do a good job and then want to keep on doing it."

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SINGLE PARENT WITH KIDS

Maureen, 42, is a single mom living in Halifax with her two children, Sandra, 8, and Billy, 12. She rents a three-bedroom apartment close to the Public Gardens and not far from the medical centre where she works as office manager. Her kids can walk to school, and although she has a car — she uses it for her weekly grocery shopping and for driving the kids to practices — Maureen takes public transportation to work. She's always watched her money and looks for good value from every dollar she spends.

Maureen has an annual household income of $45,000. Some months she lives pay cheque to pay cheque but "I have a budget, and I stick to it. Along with all the monthly expenses, I'm saving for the kids' education, and every summer we travel west to visit family in Winnipeg."

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"It makes sense for me to use the card because I get cash back on gas, groceries and other things that I have to buy anyway," says Maureen. At the same time, she likes to have the credit card as a safety net and tries to pay the balance every month.

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Maureen's profile:

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TDSB cuts deal for education assistants

Reaction. Association of Early Childhood Educators supports their early childhood education training as long as no shortcuts are taken

In a bid to chop $21 million from its looming $109 million deficit, the Toronto District School Board has decided to axe 430 education assistant jobs for which it gets no funding from the province, but will offer people doing those jobs the unusual chance to stay on as they train as early childhood educators for full-day kindergarten.

Those laid-off education assistants who wish to take up the retraining will have special permission from Queen's Park to work in full-day kindergarten classes while they earn their early childhood education diplomas from Humber College after hours and in the summer over the next two years.

The one-time deal was hammered out in recent weeks between the board, the ministry of education, the Canadian Union of Public Employees and Humber College as a way to cushion the blow of layoffs for education assistants, whose jobs do not require formal training.

"I'm proud we were able to work with partners on a creative solution that will mean many education assistants can continue working with our board," said board chair Chris Bolton.

Trustee Howard Goodman said that while any staff cuts are "frankly undesirable to anyone, if we don't make the savings, we will have to make fatally deep cuts in other areas that could cripple this board."

Not everyone supported the cuts. Trustee Howard Kaplan said he opposed "balancing the budget on the backs of these workers, most of whom are women." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Chopping block

- **Cuts.** Trustees have voted to cut 200 high school teachers, 134 secretaries, 17, elementary vice principals and other staff, saving another $28 million.
- **Next steps.** Trustees will now turn their attention to administrative cuts and are set to vote on the budget in June.

All those in favour of pink shirts jump!

Students at Lakeshore Collegiate mark International Day of Pink by holding a pink "flash mob" in the school cafeteria over the lunch hour. The anti-bullying day began in the Maritimes after a was boy bullied for wearing a pink shirt. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Airport express. No more stops on ARL: Metrolinx

The province won't add more stops to the pair planned along the way for its express train service between Pearson airport and Union Station.

"Adding more station stops along the ARL (air-rail link) route will increase the total travel time, therefore taking away from the purpose of the service as being direct and express," said a Wednesday email from Metrolinx spokesperson Malon Edwards.

City council voted 40-2 to ask the province for eight more stops along the ARL, including one at Eglinton West, to connect with the Eglinton-Scarborough Crosstown LRT, and stops at Liberty Village, the Junction, Carleton Village, Jane, Etobicoke North, Woodbine and Humber. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trip details

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The 25-minute trip is expected to cost $15 to $35 and carry about 1.2 million people annually.

Maintenance

Drivers warned of DVP closure

Scheduled maintenance on the Don Valley Parkway means it will be closed this weekend from Hwy. 401 to the Gardiner Expressway. Transportation Services says it will shut down from Saturday at 2 a.m. to Monday at 5 a.m. for maintenance including repairs on the subway beams of the Prince Edward Viaduct. Motorists are advised to use Don Mills Rd., Bayview Ave., Victoria Park Ave. and Kingston Rd. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Deferral

Council delays debate over casino

Councillors voted Wednesday to put off a debate on whether the city should have a downtown casino.

A motion by Coun. Adam Vaughan to hold a referendum on the issue and from Coun. Mike Layton that Ontario Place not be used did not pass.

The vote means the city's executive committee will have to work on the issue before bringing it back to council at a future date. AM 640/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ontario budget. NDP push for higher taxes on wealthy in talks with Liberals

Negotiations between Ontario's Liberal government and the New Democrats to pass the budget and avoid another election hinge on the NDP's demand for a new tax on incomes over $500,000.

"This budget needs to be about fairness and balance, and I'm hoping the government thinks so too," NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said Wednesday.

The talks between the two parties hit a snag Wednesday after Premier Dalton McGuinty claimed the NDP's budget demands would add $1 billion a year in spending, something he said a government fighting a $15.2-billion deficit cannot afford.

"Where specifically should we cut in order to afford that new $1 billion in annual spending," asked McGuinty.

"We're trying to pass a budget that reins in spending, not one that expands further spending."

McGuinty called on the NDP to submit more ideas on how to pay for their budget demands, which also include a new job creation tax credit, removing the provincial portion of the HST from home heating bills and keeping Ontario Northland railway in public hands.

Quoted

"I know that I stand on the side of daycares instead of millionaires, but let's see where the premier stands."

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath

"What I'm asking of them today is that they send us some additional ideas to offset those new expenses," he said.

Horwath said she was "taken aback" by McGuinty's remarks because the NDP believe their plan is fully costed out, and would be paid for mainly with revenue from a two-percentage-point surcharge on incomes over half-a-million dollars.

"There's no doubt that the idea of some people at the top paying a little bit more would actually give us the opportunity to give everyday families a break," said Horwath.

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Fighter jets. Critics ramp up calls for MacKay to be ousted over F-35 fiasco

The calls for Defence Minister Peter MacKay to be fired over the auditor general's scathing report on F-35 fighter jets have become louder and nastier.

The opposition Liberals say MacKay doesn't know his file and pointed to a flub yesterday in Halifax where the minister referenced the wrong statistical table in trying to make his case over the conflicting numbers associated with last week's bombshell audit.

Liberal House Leader Marc Garneau says MacKay is either incompetent or "not too bright."

The personal attack followed claims that the Conservative government lied over the cost of the multi-billion-dollar program by not including roughly $10 billion in regular, ongoing operational expenses.

The Defence Department was accused of hiding the truth by Auditor General Michael Ferguson, who says — had operational costs been included — the real cost of the F-35 program would be more like $24.7 billion, instead of the reported $14.7 billion.

The inclusion of ongoing operational expenses is a long-standing disagreement between the military and the auditor, dating back a decade to when the Liberals had to defend their expenses and the use of Challenger jets.

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Liberal MP Marc Garneau takes part in a news conference about the F-35 procurement process in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A 'difficult' case

Doctor negligent in forceps intervention during birth: Court

An experienced obstetrician whose unwarranted forceps intervention during labour led to the birth of a child with catastrophic brain injuries was indeed negligent, Ontario's top court ruled Wednesday.

In upholding a lower court ruling and damages award, the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed Dr. Peter Potts fell below the required standard of care in delivering Matthew MacGregor 13 years ago.

It was, the court found, a "difficult" case with tragic results for all concerned.

In January 1999, Laura MacGregor was in labour with her second child at the Grand River Hospital in Kitchener, Ont., when Potts attempted a forceps delivery even though, the trial judge found, there was no compelling need to do so.

Potts claimed at trial that he decided on a forceps delivery because of the position of the fetus.

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Contract talks

Province ups the pressure on elementary school teachers

The province is turning up the pressure on elementary school teachers to return to discussions guiding their contract talks for the second time this week, suggesting terms could be imposed if they stay away.

Education Minister Laurel Broten has sent a letter to all 72 boards in the province saying that if elementary teachers opt out of the ongoing discussions and go straight to local bargaining, they will have to meet whatever framework is worked out in the current forum.

That means the government could impose a contract that freezes their wages and salaries and takes away their right to bank sick days.

The letter comes after she accused the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario on Monday of walking away from a discussion table that has proven productive in the past.

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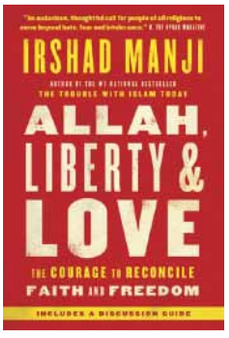

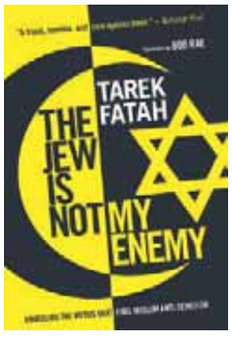

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Bomb search conducted on grounded plane: RCMP

A Korean Air Boeing 777 is shown on the runway at CFB Comox in Comox, B.C., on Tuesday. RICHARD WARRINGTON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bomb scare. Korean Air flight, en route from Vancouver to Seoul, was forced to make an emergency landing

Authorities were conducting a thorough inspection of a Korean Air flight Wednesday that made an emergency landing at a Vancouver Island military base after a bomb threat was phoned into the airline, the second such scare in two days.

The Boeing 777 was carrying 149 passengers from Vancouver to Seoul on Tuesday afternoon when the airline turned its craft around shortly after takeoff under the escort of two U.S. fighter jets.

A spokesman with the company's Vancouver office said a similar flight was delayed at Vancouver International Airport for two hours on Monday when the first call was received. Police boarded the plane and determined that threat was not credible.

"Mostly we are concerned about our passengers' safety, and (keeping) our passengers on schedule," said James Koh, adding he had "no idea" why the airline was getting the threats.

The RCMP, which is leading the investigation, said early Wednesday nothing suspicious had yet been found.

Passengers and crew members on Tuesday's diverted flight were checked, the company said Wednesday morning. Once inspections of baggage, cargo and the plane undergo the same procedure, it's expected to resume flight.

"If the plane goes through security and is found that it's absolutely clean, that plane would be absolutely used," said another Korean Air representative, spokeswoman Penny Pfaelzer who is based in Los Angeles.

The passengers stayed at two different hotels over night in the town of Comox, on the east coast of Vancouver Island, where a 3,000-metre-long airstrip is operated by a Canadian Forces Base.

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Flight facts

NORAD is an alliance between Canada and the U.S. that uses airplanes to patrol North America's air safety.

- **Scrambling.** Two F-15 fighter jets were scrambled from Portland, Ore., to intercept the flight and escort it to the military base, about 180 kilometres northwest of Vancouver.
- **After takeoff.** Tuesday's bomb threat. was received through a U.S. call centre about 25 minutes after the flight departed from Vancouver at about 4 p.m. PDT.

Souvenirs for Canada

Chrétien museum to feature gifts from heads of state

Former prime minister Jean Chrétien will be unveiling souvenirs from his official travels at an exhibition in his hometown.

A museum in Shawinigan, Que., will showcase the gifts Chrétien received from various heads of state and other officials while he was prime minister. He is thought to have accumulated between 4,000 and 5,000 items during his 10-year spell, which ended in 2003.

The exhibition, dubbed "Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's Museum: Canada's Place in the World," will open to the public on June 16 and run until Sept. 30.

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F-35 fallout

Liberals call for MacKay's firing

The calls for Defence Minister Peter MacKay to be fired over the auditor general's scathing report on F-35 fighter jets have become louder and nastier.

The opposition Liberals say MacKay doesn't know his file and pointed to a flub yesterday in Halifax where the minister referenced the wrong statistical table in trying to make his case over the conflicting numbers associated with last week's bombshell audit.

Liberal House Leader Marc Garneau says MacKay is either incompetent or "not too bright." The personal attack followed claims that the Conservative government undercut costs by $10 billion.

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Court ruling

Doctor's negligence led to brain damage

An experienced obstetrician whose unwarranted forceps intervention during labour led to the birth of a child with catastrophic brain injuries was indeed negligent, Ontario's top court ruled Wednesday. In upholding a lower-court ruling and damages award, the Ontario Court of Appeal agreed Dr. Peter Potts fell below the required standard of care in delivering Matthew MacGregor 13 years ago. In 1999, Laura MacGregor was in labour with her second child at the Grand River Hospital in Kitchener, Ont., when Potts attempted a forceps delivery even though, the trial judge found, there was no compelling need to do so. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Giant Indonesian earthquake triggers panic but no tsunami

The sound of sirens. Massive 8.6 quake terrifies residents of South Pacific archipelago, bringing back nightmares of 2004 tragedy

The walls of a prison were damaged by strong earthquakes in Indonesia's Aceh province on Wednesday. The two massive quakes caused tsunami warnings, but no deadly waves or serious damage occurred. KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cries of panic and fervent prayers rang out Wednesday as Indonesians rushed toward high ground after two strong earthquakes raised fears of a killer tsunami.

Alerts were raised as far away as Africa and Australia but this time the big waves didn't come.

In western Indonesia, distraught women ran into the streets clinging to crying children as back-to-back tsunami warnings revived memories of the 2004 disaster that claimed 230,000 lives in nearly a dozen countries.

"God! What have we done to deserve this?" one mother screamed as residents around her piled into cars and onto the backs of motorcycles. "What sins have we committed?"

Two deadly tsunamis in the last decade — the most recent off Japan just one year ago — have left the world much better prepared.

Sirens sounded along coastlines and warnings spread like wildfire by text messaging. Though often chaotic, evacuations began immediately, with streets clogged with traffic, especially in Aceh province, where 170,000 people were killed in 2004.

Countries all along the Indian Ocean — from Australia and India to as far off as Africa — received alerts from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii saying they should prepare for the possibility of seismically charged waves.

An hour later the tsunami warnings were lifted, and damage from the tremors was minimal — something experts attributed to the unique nature of the fault line.

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Trayvon Martin shooting. Zimmerman pleads not guilty to murder two

The neighbourhood watch volunteer who shot unarmed black teen Trayvon Martin was arrested and charged with second-degree murder, after weeks of mounting tensions and protests across the U.S.

George Zimmerman, 28, could get up to life in prison if convicted. His new lawyer said Wednesday that Zimmerman will plead not guilty. Zimmerman turned himself in Wednesday, and he is expected to appear in court Thursday.

The February shooting brought demands from civil rights leaders for Zimmerman's arrest and set off a furious debate over race and self-defence.

Zimmerman initially was not arrested in part because of Florida's "stand your ground" law, which gives people wide leeway to use deadly force without having to retreat in the face of danger.

Zimmerman's new attorney, Mark O'Mara, said he will invoke the "stand your ground" law in Zimmerman's defence.

Martin's parents expressed relief over the decision to prosecute him.

Recounting the incident

On Feb. 26, Martin was returning from a convenience store when Zimmerman started following him, telling police dispatchers he looked suspicious.

- Zimmerman stated Martin attacked him after he had given up chasing the teenager and was returning to his truck.
- He told police that Martin knocked him to the ground and began slamming his head on the sidewalk. Zimmerman's father says Martin threatened to kill his son.
- A video taken about 40 minutes after the shooting as Zimmerman arrived at the Sanford police station showed him walking unassisted without difficulty.

Zimmerman's brother Robert Zimmerman Jr. told CNN on Wednesday night: "Our brother literally had to save his life by taking a life. And that's a situation nobody wants to be in, ever." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Texas cops keeping eye on nude maid service

Police in this conservative Texas city are keeping close tabs on a young entrepreneur's recently opened cleaning service that offers nude maids.

Lubbock police Sgt. Jonathan Stewart said the owner of Fantasy Maid Service of Lubbock doesn't have a permit to operate a sexually oriented business and officers are watching for any violation, which would bring a $2,000 fine.

But owner Melissa Borrett insists she's not operating such a business. Customers pay $100 an hour for one maid or $150 an hour for two maids, and no touching is allowed, she said.

"I run a maid service," the 26-year-old entrepreneur said. "We really just clean houses. These girls are not performers. They're maids."

The West Texas native and mother said she started the business about a month ago because she was struggling as a waitress to make ends meet. She had even been living at the Occupy Lubbock encampment near Texas Tech University's campus in Lubbock.

"I just decided to go a little bigger, work a little smarter," she said.

Her business model isn't unique, but the city's ordinance requires all sexually oriented businesses to apply for a permit, which costs $650 a year, and to post a $5,000 surety bond or letter of credit.

Such businesses are defined as any commercial venture whose operations include "providing, featuring or offering of employees or entertainment personnel who appear in a state of nudity, seminude or simulated nudity and provide live performances or entertainment" intended to sexually stimulate or gratify customers "and which is offered as a feature of a primary business activity of the venture." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Booming business

- **So far, Borrett said, business has been good and she is now busy interviewing to hire more maids — she has three on staff.**
- **Fantasy maid service offers a regular discount to government employees and law enforcement.** An ad posted Friday on the online bartering site Craigslist offered 20 per cent discounts for Easter weekend.

Abandoned puppies found zipped in suitcase

A man tried to abandon six English bulldog puppies and their mother by zipping them inside a suitcase and leaving it outside an Ohio business near a trash bin with their mother. The man was charged after authorities found he'd left the luggage tag with his contact information attached.

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Saggy pants land man in jail

An Alabama judge ordered a man to serve three days in jail for contempt of court for wearing so-called saggy pants. Twenty-year-old LaMarcus D. Ramsey was in Autauga County Circuit Court on Tuesday to enter a plea on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Circuit Judge John Bush told Ramsey his blue jeans were sagging too low and gave him the three-day stint. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Miracle' baby alive in coffin

A mother in Argentina says she fell to her knees in shock after finding her baby alive in a coffin in the morgue nearly 12 hours after the girl had been declared dead.

Doctors gave her the death certificate just 20 minutes after the baby was born. The baby was quickly put in a coffin and taken to the morgue's refrigeration room. Twelve hours passed before she and her husband were able to open the coffin to say their last goodbyes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Miner Javier Tapia, wearing sunglasses, is helped out of a mine in Yauca del Rosario, Peru, Wednesday. JOB ROSALES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peruvians rescued from copper mine

Six-day ordeal. Nine miners walk out of abandoned mine through a reinforced tunnel built by rescuers

Nine Peruvian miners were rescued Wednesday after six days of being trapped in an abandoned copper mine.

The nine, ranging in age from 23 to 58, walked out without assistance about an hour after dawn from a reinforced tunnel that rescuers had built as they removed more than eight metres of dirt and rock.

The miners wore sunglasses and were covered with blankets.

President Ollanta Humala greeted them.

Humala had spent the night at the mine 240 kilometres southeast of Lima.

The miners were trapped by a cave-in triggered by an explosion they had set.

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Myanmar. Suu Kyi meets president ahead of her entry into parliament

The architects of political reconciliation in Myanmar, President Thein Sein and opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, met Wednesday ahead of the Nobel peace laureate's historic entry into parliament.

The two were due to discuss democratization, parliamentary affairs and a peace process with ethnic rebels, said a spokesman for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy.

On her return to Yangon from the capital, Naypyitaw, Suu Kyi told reporters only that "it was a good meeting."

Suu Kyi has long fought for democratic rule against the former military regime, and spent about 15 years under house arrest for her efforts. Her party boycotted a November 2010 general election, saying it was unfair and undemocratic.

But when Thein Sein became president he began reforms easing the political landscape.

The election was viewed as a milestone for Myanmar and an astonishing reversal of fortune for former political prisoner Suu Kyi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pro-democracy icon

Aung San Suu Kyi's group captured 43 seats to become the main opposition presence in parliament, which is overwhelmingly dominated by allies of the former military regime.

- They take their seats when the next session of parliament opens April 23.

Aung San Suu Kyi smiles as she talks to journalists Wednesday. KHIN MAUNG WIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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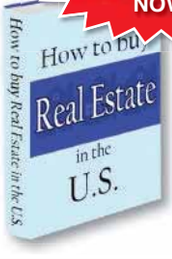

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California

Manson denied parole — again

A California panel denied parole Wednesday to mass murderer Charles Manson in his 12th bid for freedom.

Manson, now a grey-bearded 77-year-old, did not attend the hearing.

He orchestrated a series of gruesome murders on consecutive nights in Los Angeles 40 years ago.

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Aging Charles Manson may have faced his last parole hearing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida

'Animal' set to be executed

David Alan Gore is scheduled to be executed in Florida Thursday for murdering 17-year-old Lynn Elliott in 1983 — a sentence many say is long overdue.

"He's an animal, a terrible animal," said Carl Elliott, 81, whose daughter was Gore's sixth known and final victim.

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David Alan Gore committed horrific rapes and murders in Florida, officials say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Game on! Obama and Romney drop gloves

Race for the White House. Santorum quits, leaving the top Republican to take the presidential heat

No more Mr. Nice Guys!

U.S. President Barack Obama and Mitt Romney are girding for battle — officially.

The gloves were dropped as soon as the Republican front-runner's only real competition exited the party's gruelling presidential race.

Less than 24 hours after Rick Santorum's departure from the contest, the former Massachusetts governor is facing a bruising battle with a well-funded, well-oiled Obama re-election machine.

Stand by for seven months of fighting.

Wednesday, a trio of Romney's top advisers faced tough questions about his insistence a day earlier that 92 per cent of jobs lost in the U.S. since Obama took office were held by women.

Romney has been trying to gain ground with women in the face of numerous polls suggesting they prefer Obama by as much as 20 percentage points.

Meanwhile, Obama pushed for tax reform.

"It's just plain wrong that middle-class Americans pay a higher share of their income in taxes than some millionaires and billionaires," Obama said at the White House, surrounded by some millionaires who back him.

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Controversial rocket launch imminent

North Korea. Rocket mounted with Earth observation satellite and is similar to the type that could fire a nuclear warhead

North Korea fuelled up a rocket Wednesday in preparation for what appeared to be an imminent liftoff.

This happened while the country's young leader strengthened his power with a new title making him the nation's top political official.

Kim Jong-un was named first secretary of the ruling Workers' Party, a new post, while his late father, longtime leader Kim Jong-il, was given the posthumous title of "eternal general secretary" at a special Workers' Party conference, the state-run Korean Central News Agency reported.

North Korean technician at their space agency's launch command.
DAVID GUTTENFELDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kim Jong-un's formal ascension, nearly four months after the death of his father, comes during a week of events leading up to celebrations Sunday marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of his grandfather, the late president Kim Il-sung.

One of the marquee events is a satellite launch poised to take place as early as Thursday that has raised international concern.

"We are injecting fuel as we speak," an official said.

Because liquid rocket fuel is highly volatile and corrosive, its injection into the rocket is usually one of the final steps in the pre-launch process, experts say.

The United States, Japan, Britain and others say the launch would constitute a provocation and would violate UN Security Council resolutions.

North Korea denied Wednesday that the launch was anything but a peaceful civilian bid to send a satellite into space. They say the satellite is designed to send back images and data. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Passengers wait outside Terminal 3 as the doors are manned by security to prevent overcrowding inside the terminal at Heathrow Airport in London in this 2010 file photo. British lawmakers warn that long lines at immigration could force planes to sit on runways. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Heathrow's coping skills up in the air

London summer Olympics 2012. Report says long lines could force planes to circle the airport if it is already at capacity

British lawmakers have questioned Heathrow Airport's ability to cope with an influx of passengers during the London Olympics this summer, warning that long lines at immigration could force planes to sit on runways or even circle Europe's busiest airport.

The concerns were expressed in a letter to Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt from the chairman of House of Commons Culture, Media and Sport committee, John Whittingdale. It was published Wednesday.

Whittingdale wrote that lawmakers had met with Heathrow operator BAA on its preparations for Olympic games and "did not leave the briefing confident" that Heathrow was ready to cope with huge numbers of arrivals around the Olympics in a "timely fashion."

The games run from July 27 to Aug. 12.

"We understand that significant preparations have been made to accommodate unusual sporting equipment, special lanes for the Olympic family, welcoming arrangements for competitors and additional Olympic ambassadors," Whittingdale wrote.

"However, far less thought seems to have been given to the issue of how to deal with long queues at immigration."

Whittingdale said those lines could push terminals over capacity, forcing planes to circle in the air, sit on runways or block gates if they can't unload their passengers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WADA urged to impose 4-year bans

Britain's Olympic body has urged the World Anti-Doping Agency to introduce mandatory four-year bans for drug cheats as a minimum.

The current WADA code has a provision for four-year bans, but few federations opt to impose sanctions beyond the standard two years.

The British Olympic Association has submitted its proposed changes to WADA for the revision of the code which sets out drug-testing rules and sanctions.

The BOA says in its submission that "athletes globally are calling for tougher sanctions to rid sport of those that choose to cheat." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Syria agrees to ceasefire deadline

International envoy Kofi Annan, left, shakes hands with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the beginning of their meeting on the Iranian island of Qeshm, Wednesday. HAMID FOROUTAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ISNA

Under one condition.
Activists say the agreement leaves too much room for regime to manoeuvre

Syria promised to comply with a UN-brokered ceasefire beginning Thursday but carved out an important condition — that the regime still has a right to defend itself against the terrorists that it says are behind the country's year-old uprising.

The statement Wednesday offered a glimmer of hope that a peace initiative by special envoy Kofi Annan could help calm the conflict, which has killed some 9,000 people. But the regime still has ample room to manoeuvre.

In comments carried on the state-run news agency, Syria said the army has successfully fought off "armed terrorist groups" and reasserted state authority across the country.

"A decision has been taken to stop these missions as of the morning of ... April 12, 2012," the statement said. "Our armed forces are ready to repulse any aggression carried out by the armed terrorist groups against civilians or troops."

The government denies that it is facing an uprising by Syrians who want to dislodge the authoritarian family dynasty that has ruled the country for more than four decades. Instead, the regime says, terrorists are carrying out a foreign conspiracy to destroy Syria.

Many activists predict that huge numbers of protesters would flood the streets if Assad fully complies with the agreement and pulls his forces back to barracks.

But Syria has ways to maintain authority even without the military, in the form of pro-regime gunmen called "shabiha" and the fiercely loyal and pervasive security apparatus.

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Historic leader

Algeria's first president dies

Algeria's state news agency says Ahmed Ben Bella, who served as Algeria's first president, has died at age 96.

Ben Bella passed away Wednesday at the family home in Algiers after being twice admitted to a hospital in the past month for discomfort, family members said.

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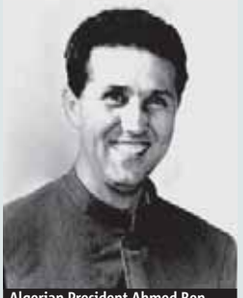

Algerian President Ahmed Ben Bella in 1964. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Mideast negotiations

Israel, Palestinians urged to focus on positive steps

The "quartet" of Mideast peacemakers appealed Wednesday for Israel and the Palestinians to take confidence-building steps to improve the atmosphere for negotiations, as top Israeli and Palestinian officials prepared to meet for the first time in 18 months.

Meeting in Washington, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and EU foreign-policy chief Catherine Ashton also called for the international community to help the Palestinians meet their budget needs. They expressed concern about the "increasing fragility" of the Palestinian Authority, which needs $1.1 billion US in financial aid, and called on the two sides to work together to improve Palestinian governance and expand economic opportunities for the Palestinian people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Making final orbit in Race for Space

Metro English Canada's finalists for Metro's Race for Space are competing against 14 others from around the world for a chance to be launched into space. The winner — to be selected by an international panel of judges — will be announced April 27.

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KIRBY

'OUTLANDISH'

Will Kirby grew up dreaming of flying to Mars to search for life on the Red Planet.

Thanks to Metro International's Race for Space contest, he's one step closer to his goal. Kirby is Canada's co-finalist for a chance to fly into space.

Kirby says he saw the contest in the paper and decided to take a shot. He then pressed his friends and family to back his entry.

As the votes grew, the undergrad biology student planted himself in public places on the Dalhousie University campus in Halifax to have loud conversations with friends about the contest, and about how he needed online support.

"I began to think, Hey, this is actually possible," he says. "Over the next few days, I did a lot of arm waving at Dalhousie University."

Kirby, 23, was born in Ottawa, raised in Acton, Ont., and moved to Halifax to study. His father has a PhD in chemistry, and childhood walks were filled with discussions of quantum physics. "I always had a big interest in science, mainly because of him," he says.

The idea of actually being in space awes him. "I would try to make an emotional, inspiring speech, but I don't know if I'll just be like, 'Daaaaarrrr,'" he laughs.

Each Metro country is submitting finalists, and a jury will pick the winner April 27. The actual flight would happen in 2014.

Even if he falls short in the Race for Space, Kirby hopes to make it off Earth one day. He plans to get his PhD in astrobiology, the study of the potential for life on other planets, and has the "outlandish" goal of becoming an astronaut.

"The ultimate goal is to get to Mars and be one of the first scientists who discovers extraterrestrial life," he says.

"I can fight as hard as I can to get as close to my goal as possible. If it's not in the stars, then I can say I did my best."

JON TATTRIE/FOR METRO

On the web

Read Kirby's entry at metronews.ca/features.

BUBBLES

'REALLY COOL'

We've all come to know and love the quirky character Bubbles from the Canadian TV show Trailer Park Boys. Behind the big glasses, kitten obsession and signature frown is Mike Smith, a man who has loved space and rocketry since he was five years old.

Since March 5, applicants across 22 countries have been narrowed down, leaving Smith to be Canada's co-finalist for a chance to fly into space.

"The whole experience of going through the training and learning about the space vehicle, the build up to it, would be amazing," says Smith.

Smith, 39, grew up in Nova Scotia and studied English at St. Francis Xavier University.

If he wins, he plans on making a documentary, recording the process leading up to the flight. Smith says the documentary could inspire youth to become involved in space exploration.

The avid Rush fan says, if allowed, he would bring music with him into space.

"It would be really cool to listen to Cygnus X1 in space." The Rush track is a psychedelic blend of rock, ambient sound effects and metal. Smith says he would also love to bring his beloved Conky, the ventriloquist puppet, with him for the trip.

"Some friends and family have been telling me I'm nuts to get into a space vehicle. They have opinions about if it's a good idea to shoot yourself into space," says Smith, who's more than excited at the prospect of space travel.

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On the web

Read Bubbles' entry at metronews.ca/features.

‘Hello, Earthlings!’ Metro reporter says from ‘space’

Trying space travel on for size. Metro Holland’s Jeroen van Wieringen spends the day at a space-flight simulator facility

JEROEN VAN WIERINGEN
Metro World News

Our reporter Jeroen van Wieringen gets inside the SXC flight simulator. SXC

“And on the left you’ll find a sickness bag,” Mark, a technician from Space XC, says, concluding his instructions before he closes down the spaceship’s cockpit.

I nod bravely, but secretly I die a thousand times. I have every reason to. It’s not every day that I am flying 3,500 kilometres an hour, up to 103 kilometres in the sky — all a part of becoming an astronaut.

You may be scratching your head and thinking, “Astronaut?”

Yes, but in truth a virtual one. I’m sitting in a facility called Desdemona in the Dutch village of Soesterberg.

Here, you’ll find the only simulator in the world that can literally turn in every direction. Because of extremely good projections in the cockpit, the user — in this case, me — thinks he’s sitting in a real spaceship.

“All right, Jeroen, just press the red button when you are ready,” the “pilot” Harry says calmly.

“No, don’t!” the scared one inside me thinks. “Go for it!” screams the daredevil in the same body. And that last one wins.

I’m being pressed into the seat as the world around me is passing me by faster and faster.

“More than 200 kilometres an hour ... and liftoff.”

Thanks, Harry. As if I haven’t noticed that myself already.

I see land below me, clouds next to me, stars above me. The continuous noise of the rocket engines is banging in my ears. But then — silence.

The engines are shut down, the enormous pressure has been lifted. Weightlessness, that’s how it feels. Yuri Gagarin, I’m just like you!

A big smile appears on my face and my eyes are looking in all directions as fast as they can, just to miss nothing of the wonderful world around me.

“So right now, can I call myself a virtual astronaut?” I hear myself asking.

“Yes, now you are, because you just crossed the zone of 100 kilometres, the boundary between our atmosphere and outer space,” Harry says enthusiastically into my headset.

Hello, Earthlings!

However, going up means coming down again as well.

I know what comes next — they explained it to me. It seems like about three times my own weight, about 250 kilograms, is trying to crush me.

Although I knew it was coming, it takes me by surprise. Blood rushes down, my head feels lighter. I pinch my hands and put pressure on my legs to fight it. It barely helps. If this goes on much longer…

But it doesn’t.

“Welcome back, this is the right time to have a relaxed final part of the flight,” Harry says. “Well done.”

And — to be honest — I agree with him. Especially when I see the empty sickness bag next to me.

That down-to-earth feeling

It takes me by surprise. Blood is rushing down, my head feels lighter. I pinch my hands and put pressure on my legs to fight it. It barely helps. If this goes on much longer...

Jeroen van Wieringen during his return to Earth.

Commercial space flights

Heading for next frontier ‘a life changer’

Michiel Mol has been dreaming of going to space since he was eight-years-old.

Influenced by science-fiction movies and by watching the space race put the first man on the moon, he’s always wanted to experience the galaxy first-hand.

“It’s all because of something inside of us human beings,” Mol tells Metro.

“We want to go further and find the next frontier.”

The model of the Space XC space station in Curaçao. SXC

Now, Mol may be able to make his and the dreams of many others come true.

He’s the CEO and partner of Space XC, a company that will be sending people to outer space on its spacecraft starting in 2014.

Previous space travellers have been known to pay exorbitant amounts of up to $50 million US to get to the International Space Station.

Space Adventures, based in Vienna, Va., is offering a 90-minute spacewalk and five-day stay on the ISS for $15 million — but the flight isn’t included.

“You’re looking down on the seven billion people on Earth. It’s really a life-changer,” Mol says.

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Online

For the full Race for Space package, visit metronews.ca/features. Additional features include:

- New York designers best known for dressing Lady Gaga and Rihanna give us their take on a new spacesuit.
- Neil deGrasse Tyson of New York’s Hayden Planetarium reviews Angry Birds Space.
- Businessman Gregory Olsen dishes on being a space tourist.

Publishers sued over e-book pricing

The U.S. Justice Department and 15 states sued Apple Inc. and major book publishers Wednesday, alleging a conspiracy that raised the price of electronic books.

They said the scheme cost consumers more than $100 million US in the past two years by adding $2 or $3, sometimes as much as $5, to the price of each e-book.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said executives at the highest levels of the companies conspired to eliminate competition among e-book sellers. Justice's antitrust chief, Sharis Pozen, said the executives were desperate to get Amazon.com — the marketer of Kindle e-book readers — to raise the $9.99 price point it had set for the most popular e-book titles, because that was substantially below their hardcover prices.

The federal government reached a settlement with three of the publishers, Hachette, HarperCollins and Simon & Shuster. But it will proceed with its lawsuit in federal court in New York City against Apple and Holtzbrinck Publishers, doing business as Macmillan, and The Penguin Publishing Co. Ltd., doing business as Penguin Group.

Connecticut and Texas, two of the 15 states filing a separate lawsuit, reached agreements with Hachette and HarperCollins to provide $52 million in restitution to consumers, using a formula based on the number of states participating and the number of e-books sold in each state.

Other states in the case may sign onto the agreement, and other companies might be persuaded to join.

Holder told a Justice Department news conference that "we believe that consumers paid millions of dollars more for some of the most popular titles" as a result of the alleged conspiracy. Pozen said the scheme added an average of $2 to $3 to the prices of individual e-books.

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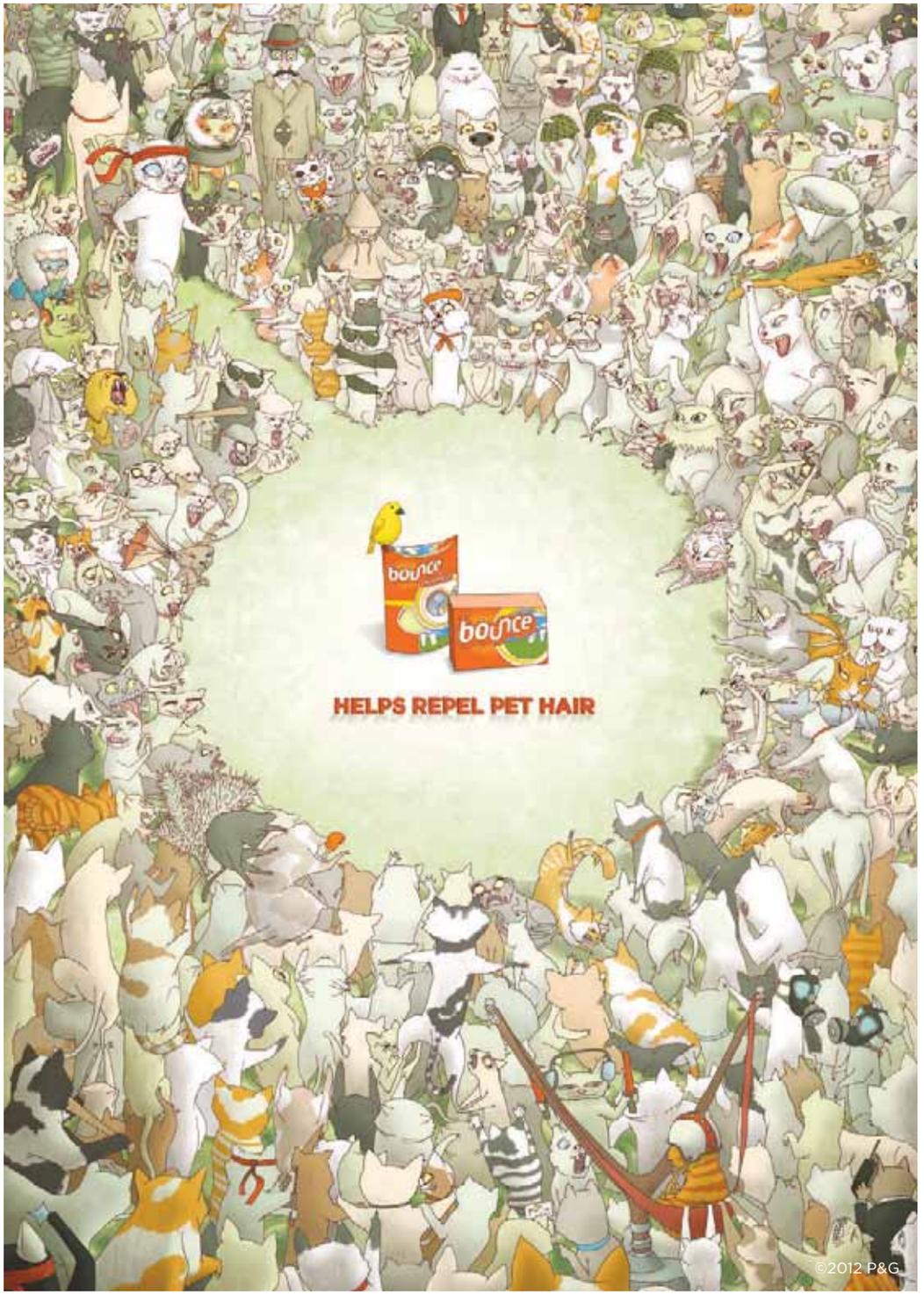

Eye on the (very) small screen

The HTC Evo 3D smartphone is shown in San Francisco in this June 2011 file photo. Canada's big telecom companies have scooped up television stations for more content, but so far small numbers of consumers are watching live sports, news and other shows on their smartphones. When you look at it as a percentage of all TV watched, viewing television on smartphones is certainly well under one per cent, said Deloitte Canada analyst Duncan Stewart, who noted that screen size is a big consideration when it comes to how consumers view content. According to research by the Media Technology Monitor, only about four per cent of anglophone consumers were watching TV on their phones last year, although the figure had doubled since 2010. ERIC RISBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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LET THE REAL HOCKEY SEASON BEGIN

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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What with the latest news involving nuclear weapons and dictatorships, it will be paramount to check up on those things when the Stanley Cup playoffs are over.

But for now, let's focus on what's important. Sixteen teams are vying for the world's most famous bird bath/pudding bowl in a bid to take it away from *my* Boston Bruins, who won last year in a victory that I have recounted three or four times (5,000, tops).

Like many journalists, my empathy button is worn down after years of overuse. I recently had a completely dispassionate conversation with an editor about whether a person can be "partially disembowelled." I believe I was eating a sandwich.

But confront me with the NHL playoffs and, well, this is *emotional*. This is life and death.

Just sayin'

We live in a country where our government was completely unapologetic for a $10-billion discrepancy in the costs of fighter jets, but the Toronto Maple Leafs apologized in full-page newspaper ads for their poor season.

That might sound ridiculous if you're not a sports fan, but I'm not alone. We live in a country where our government was completely unapologetic for a $10-billion discrepancy in the costs of fighter jets, but the Toronto Maple Leafs apologized in full-page newspaper ads for their poor season.

Heck, if this government owned the Winnipeg Jets and increased ticket prices by $293 (the $10 billion broken down to each Canadian), Manitobans would lay siege to Ottawa. And you can bet the government would be apologizing like a theatre goer trying to get to his mid-row seat.

Long column short, hockey is serious business, which is why my yearly Stanley Cup playoff predictions are so hotly anticipated. They were completely accurate last year, as far as you know.

And here they are!

- "Because it's the cup" commercials, which are aimed at people who don't watch hockey, will air only during hockey.
- If Glenn Healy is watching, every goal will be "unacceptable." If Greg Millen is watching, every goal will be "absolutely no chance for the goaltender." If they both watch the same goal at the same time, the universe will collapse in on itself.
- Every fan whose team loses to one of the eventual Stanley Cup finalists will consider that third place and argue that it shows how close they were to winning.
- Players will be asked, several times, if scoring the first goal is and/or was important. Not once will the player look at the reporter and say, "How much do they pay you exactly?"

And those are my predictions. I'm also picking Boston and Pittsburgh to meet in the Eastern Conference final, which would keep me busy until June. If Leafs/Oilers/Flames/Habs fans could keep an eye on North Korea and the Conservatives during that time, that would be great.

Remember to keep your head up at all times.

Playoffs making a splash

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Stanley Cup

Replica doubles as fountain in N.Y.C.

To kick off the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, a 21-foot, 6,600-pound replica of the Stanley Cup trophy was unveiled in Times Square in New York on Wednesday.

The replica trophy doubled as a water fountain that residents and visitors can drink from — much to the amusement of these young fans.

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Vancouver

The playoffs began Wednesday night with three games, one of which saw the Vancouver Canucks hosting the Los Angeles Kings.

- With memories of last year's melee etched into the collective consciousness of Vancouver, local business owners say they're hoping for the best but prepared for the worst.
- "We know we're going to be judged kind of how we do in the playoffs," Canucks forward Ryan Kesler said. "Now the real season begins. It's going to be a good test, this first round, for us."
- The Vancouver Canucks carry the NHL's best record into the Stanley Cup playoffs for the second year in a row.
- More playoffs, page 55. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman stands between the Stanley Cup and a 21-foot replica. GETTY IMAGES

Boston Bruins captain Zdeno Chara hoists the Stanley Cup for thousands of fans to see during a rally in celebration of the team's victory in Boston, in this June 2011 file photo.

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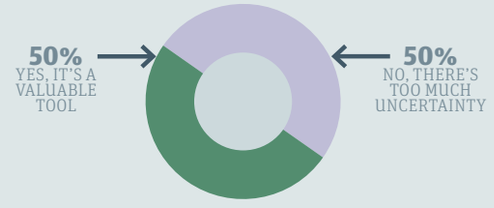

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When cinephiles talk about movies, they're usually referring to the films themselves rather than their experiences watching them. But a new exhibit staged in conjunction with the Images Festival aims to shift the conversation from the silver screen to the movie theatres that house them.

"You ask anyone of any age about a great movie-going memory and everyone has a gazillion of them," says Eric Veillette, the exhibit's curator.

Dubbed Toronto: Cinema City, Veillette's exhibit is an extension of his five-year-old website Silent Toronto, which explores the rich history of Toronto's movie theatres and exhibitions. "It's a long work in progress."

Cinema City began with an interactive Google map created by Veillette and Paul Moore, the director of the Canadian Theatre Historical Project. The map tracks the location of the various theatres that have graced Toronto's neighbourhoods over the past century. When the Images Festival approached Veillette about recreating the map, he suggested a full exhibit. Competition from television caused a drop in movie attendance in the 1950s that lasted through most of the 1970s, when Cineplex began opening the first multiplexes. "Theatres weren't being built anymore," he says. "It gave people choice."

Still, it's the individual theatres, many built during the 1910s and 1920s that Veillette looks back on fondly. "Neighbourhoods played such a big role."

Rather than the catch-all appeal of a multiplex, theatre owners would cater their programming to local residents, something Veillette says continues today, albeit, on a much smaller scale at theatres like the Revue on Roncesvalles.

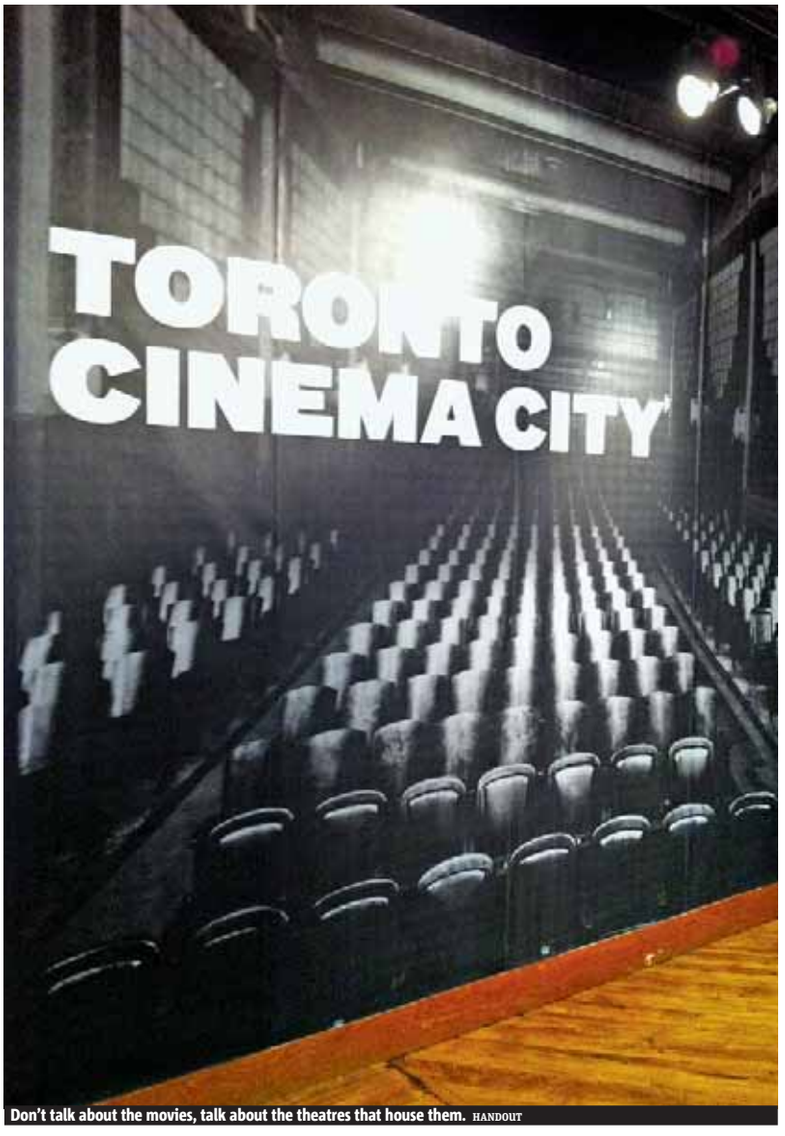
"I live in the Junction. Within a three or four block radius from where I'm sitting, there were six theatres," he says. "We didn't have the biggest or the best movie theatres, but we had so many movie theatres. There were hundreds of them. The movies came to you."

Check out silenttoronto.com for information on dates and prices.

Festival

Now in its 25th year, the Images Festival is the city's second-longest running film fest

- **Action!** To celebrate a quarter century of showcasing experimental films, festival organizers from the show's first incarnation have selected their favourite choices from the 1988 program for a pair of special screenings. Tickets are available through the festival website, imagesfestival.com.



Don't talk about the movies, talk about the theatres that house them. HANDOUT

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Scene in brief

Alba gets her poetry voice on

Jessica Alba is adding her voice to National Poetry Month, helping to lure children into the art form. Alba is among more than a dozen celebrity parents whose poetry readings are airing on the Disney and Disney Junior channels this month. Readings by Viola Davis, Caroline Kennedy, Liev Schreiber and Katie Holmes are also featured in "A Poem Is ...", a short-form series that sets verse to classic Disney animation. Langston Hughes, Mary Ann Hoberman and May Swenson are among the writers whose work is included. Alba's segment will air April 29, on the Disney Channel.

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The Lorax star Danny DeVito isn't just green on screen — he takes it into real life. GETTY IMAGES

DeVito steering towards a better environment

Eco-conscious. The Lorax actor is one of the first owners of the first mass-produced electric car, and he's filling his garage with more of the same

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Danny DeVito takes keeping green seriously. "We do a lot stuff, like there's no bottled water in our house, and there's no paper towels and there's no napkins — it's all cloth," the actor says.

"The idea is it's a little bit more work but it pays off in the environment in the end. We also use recycled toilet paper because I don't know what else to ... operate that function with."

DeVito's eco thinking may have helped him get into character for his role in animation in The Lorax, based on a Dr. Seuss' classic fable about saving the environment.

But one thing is clear: he's a car junkie with an eye for nature, claiming to be one of the first on his area to get the first mass-produced electric car, the EV1 — or at least get it as a present from wife Rhea Perlman.

And he's become something of an expert on zero-emissions vehicles. "Last month I bought a [Nissan] Leaf. I don't have any cars that are gas-guzzlers now in my entire family," says DeVito.

"There's a Chevy Volt out now that has a 40-mile range (65 kilometres) on the electricity, and then the rest you can travel on gas. But I wanted to go all electric."

The Leaf, he says, is "a fantastic car. You plug it in at night — and there's a timer on it so you can actually have it not use electricity until after the prices come down, if you want to save pennies. You plug it in and you get at least 80 miles (130 kilometres) of charge.

"It drives on the freeway, it's fast. And quiet as can be. Your music sounds like you've never heard it before in your life in the car because it's, like, pure."

Lest he be mistaken for a Nissan pitch man, DeVito makes it clear he's a booster of electric cars in general. "I'm just hoping that everybody goes out and explores. If you're going to buy a new car and you have a car already, explore the possibility of getting a car with zero emissions, because I think it's a great thing," he says.

Quoted

"You plug it in and you get at least 80 miles (130 km) of charge. It drives on the freeway, it's fast."

Danny DeVito on his Nissan Leaf

Economics

A man on a budget

When it comes to cars, cost is a close second to being green in Danny DeVito's books.

"The Tesla's a beautiful car, but it's $100,000. Who's going to buy that car? Not me. I'm not like that kind of person who'll spend $100,000 on a car. If it gets to the point where it's reasonable for everybody — like I could see my friends who are working actors who are not big stars maybe affording a $30,000 car. It's not unreasonable. It's not that bad these days."

Fundraising

What's this Crowdrise, anyway?

Edward Norton has been in the news for co-founding Crowdrise, a crowd sourcing charity website. Here, he explains where the idea came from and how the system compares to traditional forms of fundraising — particularly in the cost-savings department.

"It grew out of many years of having the experience of being involved in causes and realizing painfully that there were a lot of costs associated with fundraising," Norton tells Metro.

"Sometimes you lose 40 per cent of the money you had raised to the costs of producing the event or the dinner or whatever.

"The service we really want to bring first and foremost through Crowdrise was to give people a way, through these powerful online networking tools, to take ownership of these causes and have impact.

"But we also want to let the organizations achieve this kind of fundraising for costs that were fractional compared to traditional fundraising."

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Norton joins the battle for sustainability

Seeing green.
Fight Club star is throwing punches for the environment

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Talking to Edward Norton, his passion for the planet becomes incredibly clear. And the man knows his stuff, serving as an ambassador for the United Nations' biodiversity program. And that's aside from co-founding Crowdrise, a social-media-powered fundraising group for charities of all stripes.

You've done a lot with improving low-income housing. Is that an area where you can apply green initiatives and kill two birds with one stone?
Definitely. You can apply efficiency and sustainability standards to affordable housing, absolutely. And not only is it better for the environment, better for cities, better for the health of residents, but it actually proves to be very cost-efficient. Ultimately, the additional costs associated with doing things in a greener and sustainable way in affordable housing can usually get paid back by the savings from that efficiency within a couple of years.

Yet a lot of people still assume greener building practices are more expensive.
Sometimes environmental values get associated with some sort of an elitist choice or a choice that's only available to people of a certain income level, and that's just absolutely not true.

What are some areas where people would assume it's more expensive to be more green?
Certain technologies cost more upfront, but as you start to project the operational cost of things not only do those costs get paid back, but over a long-term stretch there's actual savings and cost efficiency in making more sustainable choices in the way that we do things. Smart businesses and smart governments are realizing this themselves and pursuing those efficiencies.

This green issue is about cities. Can cities be eco-friendly?
One of the ironies is the density of cities makes people think that they must be energy hogs, but the truth is that on a per capita basis, cities are much more efficient places to live than the suburbs. New York on a per capita basis is probably a much greener city than the average suburb. Certainly more than a city like Phoenix, where you've got incredible energy expenditure because of the sprawl and the way that the city's built — and the lack of mass transit and all of it.

We recently talked to the founder of Pirate Bay, who suggested that younger people find green issues outdated and are more interested in problems of free speech.
I don't actually agree with that. I think we're continuing to see a broader and broader penetration of awareness and concern about ecological sustainability, lost biodiversity, climate change. I think it's one of the few things that is pervasive for all societies. Free speech issues, you can argue, are more important in some places than others. Environmental sustainability is equally important everywhere.

Edward Norton is convinced that housing built in a sustainable way is more cost effective. HANDOUT

Earth Day

Focus on the environment

Norton has been looking to highlight green causes through Crowdrise.

"This year, we were talking with some people I work with about Earth Day and trying to think about what could we do on Crowdrise to create some specific focus on conservation and environmental efforts," Norton says. "We're going to let people see a specific sort of campaign and competition that's highlighting great environmental organizations." Visit crowdrise.com/earthday2012.

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Dancer turned actress has a taste for the theatrical

StreetDance 2. Sofia Boutella has loved performing since she was a kid, when she put on shows for her family

Quoted

"I always used a character to create what I needed to do dance-wise. With Madonna, she's always telling stories, so when you dance with her you're an actor as well."

StreetDance 2 star Sofia Boutella on what she calls her theatrical method of dancing and how that translates into her acting career.

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Sofia Boutella makes a heck of an entrance in StreetDance 2: her character, a salsa dancer named Eva, is introduced in a boxing ring in the middle of a Parisian nightclub, where she does her best million-dollar-baby impression in between some tricky steps.

"The hardest thing was standing for all hours in those Latin heels," she laughs.

"It was truly painful. At first, I thought it was going to be okay, but there was a moment where I wondered if I was going to make it through."

She cooled her heels — literally — with a numbing spray in between takes and nailed the number — not surprising given her track record as a dancer.

At age 29, Boutella has already done two tours as part of Madonna's troupe, which the Algerian-born performer describes as "the best years of her life;" with Street Dance 2, she's hoping to make the move into acting.

"The way I dance is always very theatrical," she says, explaining the similarity between the two disciplines.

"I always used a character to create what I needed to do dance-wise.

"With Madonna, she's always telling stories, so when you dance with her you're an actor as well," she says.

Boutella traces her love of dance and movement back to her childhood, when she was a "very hyperactive kid."

"I remember my cousin and I always liked to put on shows for our family, to perform for them. We acted like we had a circus in the backyard."

Boutella says that she never lost that sense of fun as she started to dance more seriously, mostly because she enjoys the rigour of learning her steps for a routine.

"I like the discipline. It doesn't mean that it's not fun. I appreciate the seriousness of being focused on something that you really love and trying to achieve something that's inspiring to you."

Sofia Boutella makes quite the entrance in StreetDance 2, with a routine in a Parisian boxing ring.
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Bonnie Raitt's Slipstream is her first album in seven years. HANDOUT

Raitt falls into the Slipstream and finds new success

Returning to the studio. Bonnie Raitt's latest offering finds her receiving inspiration from an unexpected source

Bonnie Raitt had been thinking about working with Grammy-winning producer Joe Henry for years. And Henry had been kicking around the idea of reaching out to the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer whose voice he has adored forever.

It wasn't until mutual friend Allen Toussaint made a cosmic connection that the two finally got together, launching Raitt on the journey to Slipstream, her first new album in seven years. During a recording session with Aaron Neville, Toussaint coyly suggested that Henry work with Raitt in the future. And when Toussaint speaks, Henry always listens.

"He's not like anybody else on this earth," Henry said. "He's like Yoda."

The producer called the performer shortly thereafter and, as the great New Orleans producer and performer suspected, the chemistry between Raitt and Henry was dynamite.

"I was about a month away from thinking of calling and I got the contact from my office saying Joe wants to speak to you," Raitt said. "And I just thought it was so synchronistic. It was one of those really great times, a really great phone call."

Slipstream, her 19th album and her first on her own label, Redwing Records, is a mix of styles and flavours. Al Anderson, formerly of NRBQ, contributes three songs and plays on four, acting as a counterpunch to Henry's more sombre songs. And Raitt even offers a reggae version of Gerry Rafferty's Right Down the Line. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quote

"He's not like anybody else on this earth."

Joe Henry speaking about Allen Toussaint

Analysis

Inspiration from strange places

Bonnie Raitt really didn't have elaborate expectations when she joined Joe Henry. They thought they'd spend a few days on a handful of songs, but after three days, they had nine.

"It was like the pilot light was on, but he turned the gas up," Raitt said.

They emerged from those sessions with four new cuts for the album: Henry compositions God Only Knows (perhaps the album's standout) and You Can't Fail Me Now (co-written with Loudon Wainwright III) and the Bob Dylan covers Million Miles and Standing in the Doorway. And Raitt emerged aflame with the need to pull her touring band together to cut more tracks. She eventually added eight others to Slipstream and the cuts left over will be released after she completes tours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More mothering, less acting for Cruz

With a one-year-old son at home, Penelope Cruz is starting to consider cutting back on her career for the sake of motherhood.

"Maybe I'll make one movie a year, maybe two, but it's not going to be more than that because I have other priorities now," Cruz tells Harper's Bazaar.

"I talk about him all day long, even to strangers in the street. It is my favorite subject! But, you know, this is my job."

Cruz and husband Javier Bardem welcomed son Leonardo last year.

Is the Seal/Klum divorce getting ugly?

Seal is striking back at Heidi Klum, reportedly disputing her divorce petition, according to TMZ.

The main issue he takes with her filing? Seal insists there are "community and quasi-community assets" that need to be divided up, while Klum claims a postnuptial agreement addresses that. In addition, Klum cites January 19 as the official start of their separation, while Seal says the date hasn't been determined.

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"Given that he's away a lot on tour, giving her primary physical custody is pretty much status quo," the source says.

And both parties are reportedly asking to deny spousal support to the other. Klum is worth an estimated $70 million, while Seal is worth $15 million.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

A little background on J. Lo's gift to Casper Smart

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For Tuesday's Word, I wrote about Jennifer Lopez, 42, gifting beau/backup dancer Casper Smart, 25, with a custom white Dodge pickup truck for his birthday.

Apparently, Lopez "knew that Casper really wanted a truck, and Casper was very excited about the generous gift," a source told People magazine. "Casper was so excited about his new truck that he decided to drive it to dinner. She was smiling about Casper's excitement."

In the column, I made a crack about how: 1) That "source" sounded like a quote-giving robot and 2) How I was surprised that Lopez didn't buy him a Fiat considering all the shilling she does for the car manufacturer. This was the incorrect joke to make. Please check out the following reader mail:

"You may need to do some more digging. Chrysler/Dodge/Ram are owned in part by Fiat which helped bailout Chrysler!! That is why he got a Ram Truck from J. Lo and not a Ford F-150!!!"

"Did you really not know that Fiat and Dodge are both owned by Chrysler LLC, when you wrote that J-Lo dreck?"

"I feel obligated to point out that Fiat holds a considerable financial and developmental stake in Chrysler (who makes Dodge and Jeep vehicles). It wouldn't be too much of a stretch to assume she used an "employee discount" (if any money was spent at all) on that Dodge truck."

In my defence, I am only a semi-good looking recycler of celebrity gossip, not a hard-hitting journalist who knows the ins-and-outs of the car industry. However, thanks to my eagle-eyed readers, who do know such things, we all now know that this "news item" and "gift" was a total plant by Fiat and that truck was totally free in exchange for press. And, really, do celebrities ever pay for anything? Or do they just have to save their cash for when they will inevitably need a high-priced divorce lawyer?

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Princess Diana wanted to star in Bodyguard sequel, says Costner

Kevin Costner reveals there were plans for a sequel to The Bodyguard — with Princess Diana interested in starring as herself.

"Diana and I had been talking about doing Bodyguard 2," Costner tells Anderson Cooper in an interview set to air next month.

"I told her I would take care of her just the same way that I took care of Whitney (Houston)."

And though the late Princess had no professional acting experience, Costner was eager to work with her.

"She wanted me to write it for her. I said, 'I'll tailor it for you if you're interested.' She goes, 'I am interested,'" Costner remembers, revealing that he received a draft of the script the day before Diana lost her life in 1997.

Bobbi Kristina agrees to reality show: Report

Bobbi Kristina Brown, the daughter of late singer Whitney Houston, has reportedly made a verbal deal to star in a reality TV series, according to Radar Online.

"This show is being done against her family's advice," a source says. Brown, who is reportedly dealing with her own substance-abuse issues, is "obviously very wild and misguided," the source adds.

"Bobbi is scared the world will label her just like her mother."

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Spring has sprung and the world is... wet? As Canadians we've learned how to rock any climate, and the soggy days of the season are no exception.

This year however, retailers have taken rain gear up a notch — and are giving us no choice but to dance through every downpour.

"Colour is huge this spring," says Sears trend director Cynthia Florek.

"We're seeing the trench updated in electric colours like blue, green and coral or through interesting textures and effects like micro-suede perforations and neutral colour blocking."

Boots, umbrellas and other permeable pairables have followed suit, so take stock of this gorgeous gear.

I'm only happy when it rains. JOE FRESH

On trend

"The trench is the perfect outerwear piece to transition into spring... And anoraks, anoraks, anoraks — spring must-have! I love the Joe Fresh nylon anorak over a tulip dress with pretty pumps — très chic!"

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$59.99, sears.ca

Facing the elements.
The eye of the storm

Take note of this rainproof makeup tip from Rimmel makeup artist, Vanessa Jarman:

Waterproof Mascara
Waterproof mascara shouldn't be used all the time. The alcohol content tends to dry out lashes and is not the most nourishing formula to apply on a constant basis. Having said that... if you will be attending an emotional event such as a wedding or funeral, or know your day will be filled with a lot of rain, it's always better to be prepared!

TIP: You can try applying regular mascara on your lashes for your first coat to add a barrier and then coat your lashes with waterproof mascara to seal everything in.

Try: Rimmel's Sexy Curves Waterproof Mascara

For the boys:

Lacoste Blouson Jacket
Lacoste
$250, lacoste.com

Style pick:
Your mane rain timesaver

This water absorbing hair brush from Goody is equipped with ball-tip bristles and microfibre beads that wrap around wet hair like a towel as you brush, absorbing water with every stroke and reducing your drying time significantly.

Microbial microfibre keeps this uber-helpful hair care product clean.

Quick Style Paddle Brush
Goody
$15.99, goody.com

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Style file

Colour me trendy

Most of us can pair one bold colour with another - it just takes a little confidence. But colour blocking, that's more of an art, and it's one to be mastered this spring season.

The highest standard of colour blocking was set by Yves Saint Laurent, who transferred the graphic, pop-art look of painter Piet Mondrian onto fabric. The YSL look was an instant hit as it fit so nicely into the fresh, no-frills mod fashions of the mid 1960s.

Since then, Lisa Perry, known for her bright traffic-stopping colour combinations on simple silhouettes, says the style has become a classic that sometimes hits as a bona fide trend. This is one of those years, she says. It's part of a broader movement away from the earth tones that dominated runways and stores for a while.

• A general definition of colour blocking is the pairing of chunks of contrasting colours.

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On the Web

Christian Dior names Belgian designer Raf Simons as its new artistic director

Sally Hansen #1 Nail Colour Brand in Canada. Source: AC Nielsen, 52 weeks ending Feb. 11, 2012.

Kimora Lee Simmons gets in our faces

She's just glowing.
The businesswoman, author, philanthropist, model and television personality takes on a brand new conquest

ELIZABETH BEDDALL
Life@metronews.ca

Kimora Lee Simmons will launch her nine-item skin-care line on the Shopping Channel, April 14.
PROVIDED

Being dubbed the "face of the 21st Century" as a preteen model by Karl Lagerfield would force any young woman to develop thick skin fast.

But while the world recognizes Kimora Lee Simmons as the former headstrong empress behind fashion empire Baby Phat, she has recently taken a turn for the softer side with her new skin-care line, Shinto Clinical.

You've made this jump from flashier ventures to something more subdued and personal: skin care. Does that signify a recent growth or maturity in your life?

I never looked at it that way but I guess it is quite accurate when you say it like that. But I look at it more like — I've been in fashion, I've been in the business.

I feel like fashion and beauty go hand in hand.

So while the essence of the ingredients and the history and what it means is more simplified, I'm giving you the same flash that you would see in any of my lines.

The packaging is tremendous, the smell is great, it's very luxurious.

I'm still giving you that effect and look of a high-end line.

You're often perceived you as being extremely confident, but is there any part of you that gets nervous when something you've invested so much time in goes international?

I normally would say no, but since you put it like that — ya. I kind of put my heart and soul into this.

I think that has been part of my success formula.

I've been on the runway since I was 10 years old. I'm famous because of fashion — it's not the other way around. I'm not famous because of some sort of behaviour or some sort of shock value. People are tired of people making their riches off public humiliation.

People want some genuineness and transparency. I know my products, I know the lab, I know my chemist, I know my factories, I know the people who work in them, I know what's going on and I think you can tell that from the BS.

Everything you touch seems to turn to gold. To make us all feel better about ourselves, is there any job you think you wouldn't be good at?

No. I'm sure I could think of something crazy like construction — but any reasonable thing that you could give me and I could give you, I think that we should assume that we can conquer it.

Women are very strong, very resilient, even far beyond what you think on the surface.

Any situation we get ourselves in, I think nine times out of 10, we're going to make it way better.

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Gym-bag essentials

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RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

A hot hair remedy

"Sun exposure doesn't just microwave a guy's skin, it's also capable of changing hair colour, burning scalps and turning a full barnet into a dehydrated halo of frizz," Zambarakji says. "Ojon's treatment nourishes fried follicles in a matter of minutes."

Ojon damage reverse serum, $18 ojon.com

A better shaving cream

"ESPA is a deep-cleansing mud mask and a rich shaving lotion in one nifty product. I usually slap on the clay-based formula and let it absorb excess oil and impurities while I brush my teeth," he says.

ESPA Dual-Action Shave-mud, $40, espaonline.com

A multi-tasker

"An everything-but-the-sink sort of product, this moisturizer counteracts shine, calms sun-induced inflammation, masks wear and tear and even packs in a hefty SPF 35," he says. "It's an essential holiday item, not least because of the amount of luggage space it will save you."

LAB SERIES BB Tinted Moisturizer SPF35, $39, labseries.co.uk

Something for the burn

"Most guys don't think of investing in after-sun until they start to resemble Darth Maul from The Phantom Menace. This cellular 're-educator' calms the burning sensation that comes with UV damage and, crucially, reduces the skin's reactivity to the sun so that it becomes more tolerant over time," he says.

Institut Esthederm Intense After-Sun Care Special Sunburn SOS Milk , $54, beautybay.com

Industrial-strength deodorant

"Your average deodorant isn't going to cut it in seriously sunny climes. This industrial-strength formula lasts for a whopping 96 hours, masks unbearable pit stink and uses absorbent micro captors to trap wetness too."

L'oreal Paris Men Expert Invincible Extreme Protection XXL Roll-On Deodorant, $6, feelunique.com

Needs: Bottoms, Betty dresses and beads

Fashion editor's finds.
Check out what's on the very top of stylists' must-buy lists this spring season

THE KIT
thekit.ca

Editor Approved
Amid the bombshell models and trendy wardrobe, Express, which recently opened stores across Canada, has made a practical pair of trousers their signature item.

The Editor pant is available in more than five fabrics and updated in of-the-moment hues each season.

The reason they're so popular? They give you a long, lean silhouette and the wide waistband flattens your tummy.

Express has sold more than 19-million pairs so far. The Editor polyester-blend trouser, from $78. express.com

Joan Harris Returns
After months of anticipation (and withdrawal), the Mad Men franchise has returned.

Celebrating the new season, Banana Republic teamed up with the show's costumer Janie Bryant for a 1960s-style collaboration. From Betty Draper-inspired eye lit dresses to bold, colourful confections à la Joan, the collection boasts the best from the show's leading ladies.

Banana Republic Mad Men Collection silk Betty Dress, $185. bananarepublic.ca

One-Minute Miracle
Pile on the beads. A little boho, a little deco, a little ladylike: we view this season's runway trend of multi-strand necklaces as a quick and easy way to update the simplest of wardrobe pieces. Quartz and crystal beads, $395, kumaris.ca

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@Jeanne_Beker: So surreal. This dream is over: After 27 glorious years, FT production ceased today. So sad to see some of my closest colleagues move on.

@SUCCARRA
Can't wait to see what you do next, Jeanne! :

@Elaine_Salonga
:(Without my formative time interning at FT, I would not be where I am now. Can't wait to see what you do next though...

@ChelseyPerrella
This makes me sad :(

@Jeanne_Beker: But life's about change! We have to embrace that. NEW dreams now. Looking forward to working with Bellmedia + evolving the FT brand.

@Jeanne_Beker: Seder at the White House!!

@Jeanne_Beker: With the stellar @ElleMacpherson, in T.O. to chat up beauty for Revlon + her new Fashion Star show.

@Jeanne_Beker: To die for! The "Duchess" shoe from @RonWhiteShoes...

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This introductory course has been developed specifically for those interested in fashion and cosmetics who are seeking the opportunity to experiment with the software tools required to digitally enhance fashion photography. The course will cover retouching techniques such as colour, contrast and tonal adjustments, blemish removal, skin smoothing, shape modifications using Liquify and cosmetic enhancement of the eyes, lips, and hair. Student projects will include the creation of "Before and After" imagery for inclusion in their online or print-based portfolios.

Humber Fashion Institute

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Reclaim Sunday dinner with dishes the family can bond over

1. Remove sausages from casings and crumble. In a large skillet over high heat, brown sausage. Transfer to paper towels to drain. Wipe the fat out of the pan.

2. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente (if using rigatoni or orecchiette, cook for 8 minutes; if using penne, cook for 9 minutes).

3. Heat olive oil and garlic in wiped-out skillet over medium-high heat until garlic is golden.

4. Add broccoli rabe, red pepper flakes and salt and cook for 5 minutes, stirring a few times.

5. Add sausage and butter and cook over high heat for 5 minutes, stirring a few times.

6. Drain pasta, reserving 250 ml (1 cup) of the cooking water and transfer pasta to skillet.

7. Mix well, adding water if pasta seems too dry. Pour into a large warm serving bowl, sprinkle cheese over top and serve.

Ingredients

8 to 10 portions

- 1 kg (2 lb) Italian sausage
- 1 kg (2 lb) rigatoni, penne or orecchiette
- 250 ml (1 cup) extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 cloves garlic, crushed into a paste
- 1.5 g (3 lb) broccoli rabe, stems trimmed and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 5 ml (1 tsp) red pepper flakes
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sea salt
- 60 ml (4 tbsp/1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated Pecorino Romano

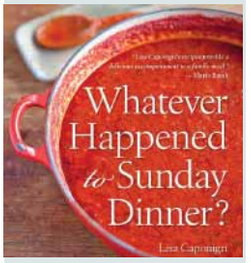
THE CANADIAN PRESS/ WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SUNDAY DINNER? A YEAR OF ITALIAN MENUS WITH 250 RECIPES THAT CELEBRATE FAMILY BY LISA CAPONIGRI (STERLING EPICURE, 2012).

Pasta con Salsicce e Broccolini

This recipe serves eight to 10 people. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Cookbook of the Week

Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner?



Lisa Caponigri has released Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner? to give families recipes they can easily cook and enjoy together.

Caponigri has devised 52 delicious Italian menus — one for each Sunday of the year — that feature classics like crostini, lasagne, polenta, stuffed peppers, veal piccata, risotto alla Milanese, and ricotta pie.

There are also many surprises like Woodman's pasta and Italian french fries — and traditional, treasured dishes from her own family's kitchen, such as Nana's Strufoli and Grandma Caponigri's Ragu Sauce. **METRO**

Carve out time in busy week to create family memories

The family that cooks and eats together can create memories that will last a lifetime, says the author of a new cookbook, Whatever Happened to Sunday Dinner? A Year of Italian Menus, with 250 Recipes That Celebrate Family (Sterling Publishing).

Lisa Caponigri has fond memories of wonderful Sunday dinners starting in her childhood.

"I was lucky enough to grow up with Sunday dinner and a strong influence of Sunday dinner from both my grandmother and my mother and then I continued that tradition with my own children. So it was always a huge part of my life," she said in an interview from South Bend, Ind.

Her three children, now 24, 22 and 18, tell her "it really meant a lot to them that Sunday was sacred, that Sunday was the day we did this and Sunday dinner was the thing that we never cancelled or reneged on."

She recalls them telling her: "'You know, Mommy, it didn't matter where we lived or the vacations you took us on or extra special things you tried to do for us. Our fondest memories are Sunday in the kitchen with you and around the Sunday dinner table.'

Lisa Caponigri, centre, cooks with two of her children, Felicia and Guido. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ SIMPLY GORGEOUS PHOTOGRAPHY

"When your children grow up and tell you that, that meant the world to me. It was very important to them that I took that time out of my busy schedule."

In fact, it was her daughter Felicia who inspired her to capture these memories by writing down her philosophy, menus and recipes. The cookbook consists of 52 five-course Italian menus, giving you a new idea for every Sunday of the year.

Caponigri, 54, says the message of the book is it's important to set aside one day of the week and make Sunday dinner a family event, not a "mom-centric" activity. And if you don't have a family, create that bonding experience by cooking and eating with friends or neighbours.

"The most important thing is to schedule the time and make sure everyone's on board that Sunday ... is our time to have Sunday dinner and we're not going to let anything else interfere with it and here's how we're going to accomplish it. We're going to pick a menu, have fun, everyone's going to contribute. That's really the easiest way to get everyone involved." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Medaglione di Agnello con Prosciutto. An Italian take on lamb

These pan-seared lamb medallions are paired with a thin slice of salty prosciutto, then finished with a white wine reduction sauce.

1. In a large skillet, melt 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the butter over medium heat. Add prosciutto slices and warm through for 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate and cover with aluminum foil.

2. With a 5-cm (2-inch) round biscuit cutter, cut a round out of each slice of bread. Discard trimmings.

3. Melt 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the butter in the same skillet over medium heat. Add bread rounds (you may need to do this in two batches) and brown until golden on both sides. Remove to a paper towel-lined plate and keep warm in the oven on low or cover with aluminum foil.

4. In the same skillet, melt remaining 90 ml (6 tbsp) butter over medium heat. Add lamb and cook for no more than 2 minutes per side. Season to taste with sea salt and pepper on both sides as you cook.

5. Place bread rounds on a serving platter and top each with a slice of prosciutto. Place a lamb medallion on each.

6. Add wine to skillet, turn heat to high and deglaze pan, scraping up all the browned bits stuck to the bottom. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes to reduce wine slightly. Pour over lamb and serve.

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Ingredients

8 to 10 portions

- 150 ml (10 tbsp/1 stick plus 2 tbsp) unsalted butter, divided
- 12 thin slices prosciutto
- 12 slices white bread, crusts removed
- 12 lamb chops, about 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick, cut off bone, bone removed
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) white wine

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The project overview

This community is designed for first-time buyers in Erin Mills. Opening this week, Hazelton Place will be a limited collection of 87 one and two-storey condominium townhomes featuring one, two and three-bedroom designs.

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In the neighbourhood

Hazelton Place is located in the heart of Erin Mills, moments from an incredible array of amenities including the shops and restaurants of Erin Mills Town Centre and a Loblaw's Superstore, with parks and schools nearby.

Building amenities

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Chair of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) and can be found at twitter.com/bildgta), (facebook.com/bildgta), and bildblogs.ca.

We are just weeks away from handing out the 32nd annual BILD Awards and we want to invite you to vote in a new and special category this year.

The BILD Awards is the Association's way of acknowledging and celebrating the best our industry has to offer and we want the public (and future residents of some of these projects) to participate in the festivities.

So this year, we are launching the inaugural People's Choice Award and the project that receives the most votes on our awards website between April 11-25 will win.

All you have to do is visit the People's Choice Award page at bildawards.com and check out the 10 finalists before casting your vote right there on the page.

The nominees for this new category have been selected by an esteemed awards jury as finalists in the Project of the Year low-rise and high-rise categories, so there are at least three trophies up for grabs!

When you visit the website, I encourage you to look at each of the projects and all of the material submitted by the builder. Before casting your vote take notice of everything from the product design to the advertising and promotion.

I also invite you to visit sales offices, look at floor plans and flip through magazine ads. You never know, one of the finalists could be right in your neighbourhood — or maybe you're already a resident living in one.

It isn't called the People's Choice Award for nothin'. We want your input and we want to know which project you would crown as the best. The inaugural winner of the People's Choice Award will be announced at the BILD Awards on April 27.

The Association's annual awards night is a special one because it recognizes ground-breaking projects across the GTA and the industry leaders that build them.

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What's hot on the condo market?

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1. Grow and reno

It's Show time

Don't miss the 24th International Home and Garden Show at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd., April 12-15. Call 416-512-1305 for tickets and info.

2. Sixty Colborne

Grand opening

Check out the Sixty Colborne grand opening at Church and Colborne streets April 14, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 416-601-0060 or visit sixtycolborne.com

3. High Park

Two-bedroom condo

Head over to a two-bedroom condo open house at 70 High Park Ave. April 14-15 from 2-4 p.m. Call 416-489-2121

4. Vaughan

Open house

Make your way to this 2000 sq. ft., four-bedroom Vaughan townhome at 8 Brighton Pl. April 14 from 2-4 p.m. Call 416-443-0300

Why go to the gym when you could just head upstairs?

Condo trends. Leaving your place to go work out is becoming passé—new developments have stellar fitness amenities

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A new condo trend is emerging in T.O. geared towards high-end fitness facilities and radical new workout regimens.

In most new condos, the builder will hire a management firm to run their amenities and then turn it over to the condo board.

Justin Dyer runs Innofit, a company that supplies equipment, consulting services and personal trainers to condos. "In the past, the fitness amenities used to be an afterthought; it literally was the last thing that the developer would do. Now it's a high priority. It's no longer an afterthought because people are actually using these facilities," he says.

And builders are now opting for quality, commercial equipment, like Monarch Development's new Nautilus condo. The machines are made by Life Fitness, one of the largest commercial suppliers in Canada. When it comes to this type of equipment, "You get what you pay for," says Steven Mancini, Nautilus' project manager.

If you build it, they might not come, as when Concorde Adex built several 20-foot rock-climbing walls. "At Panorama, we have a rock-climbing wall that no one has ever used. And they also have one at Neo and Montage. Not one person used it."

According to Dyer, you need a consultant to make things happen. "I'll make that project usable. So for Panorama, instead of the 20-foot rock-climbing wall, I recommended an eight-foot square perpetual wall that has a circle that turns. As it turns you can keep climbing on it."

Hot yoga is very big right now. "It's basically doing yoga in sauna-like atmospheres. You use radiant heat panels to heat the room. You have an instructor and you go through a series of positions. "I built one at Discovery I and II, and I'm building one at the Parade condominium. We're actually doing the bamboo flooring today. From what I understand, these are the only two hot yoga rooms in a residential building in North America."

'People love it'

The next wave of condo booty calls

Another hot new condo trend is boot camp.

We are proposing to our clients, kick boxing, boxing and boot camp in an area where it's just very industrial; let us be able to hang punching bags, and you can have a class."

According to Dyer, Tony Austin is the best boot camp instructor in the GTA. "I used to have Tony doing boot camps in condominiums."

Best in the whole GTA? So Metro went to see Tony at Fit Factory, his brand-new workout studio on Yonge Street.

The first thing you notice when you walk in is the conspicuous absence of workout machinery.

"We don't use machines, we make them. Back in the '80s, it was all about the machines and free weights and getting big, but it's hard to incorporate into your lifestyle."

Tony is the real deal: an ex-US marine corps drill sergeant with 22 years of service. He says that boot camp or functional training is the next wave in fitness.

"It works so well in the condo community. I actually taught in these various condo communities and people love it."

Tony Austin, co-founder of Fit Factory DUNCAN MCALLISTER

Some like it hot

"Amenities are what sell the condo units and now developers are starting to pay more attention to them. Hot yoga is very big right now, it's very trendy, it's very happening."
Justin Dyer, owner of Innofit

Spinning room at Monarch's new Nautilus condominium DUNCAN MCALLISTER

Salt water pool at Nautilus DUNCAN MCALLISTER

Assignment woes

When selling your condo isn't so simple

LEGAL MATTERS
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Q. We recently purchased a condo and are now in the interim occupancy period.

We had originally considered buying the property as an investment to rent but now we cannot afford it.

We approached a realtor to list the property on M.L.S. and informed our lawyer that we had done this. Our lawyer asked us if we had the written consent of the builder to do so.

We answered that we did not know we needed their agreement. What should we do now?

A. Contained within virtually every contract for the purchase of a new condominium is a clause that states that the buyer cannot lease, sell, assign or even advertise for sale the property until the final closing: at which time the ownership of the property actually changes hands.

If you had your contract reviewed when you initially signed it by your lawyer (which I would hazard a guess you did not) you would have been told this.

Regardless, you realtor should have been aware of this provision.

You need to immediately delist the property and first obtain the written consent to advertise the condo. In many cases, the builder will not agree or insist on a fee be paid for the ability to do so.

You need to be careful because you can be found in breach of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and you could forfeit your deposits.

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Bright spring flowers are bravely poking their little heads out of the soil. Take inspiration from this new life to freshen up your home's decor.

KENYA HUNT

5 ways to give your home some spring

1

Cover that dark couch in a bright, custom slipcover

The Sweden-based company Bemz (Bemz.com) offers a boatload of slipcovers for every possible Ikea sofa, bed, chair, pillow or cushion imaginable. The selection is impressive because of its sheer size and quality (these things will make your Ikea look three times more expensive.) They even have designer options by Marimekko among others. And they ship internationally.

2

Swap out your accessories

If you have a neutral colour palette in your home, then swapping out accessories such as area rugs, pillows, curtains and seat covers is a good idea. It's a low-cost approach to the apartment makeover. Replace the sheepskin on the living room floor with a light, floral printed rug or the velvet pillows with something in seersucker, for instance. If you're looking for colourful graphics, try Yoox (yoox.com) for fashionable rugs and pillows.

3

Add some greenery

Plants are cheaper than cut flowers, look just as attractive, and help improve the air quality in your home.

Line your entrance hallway with low-maintenance, dramatic looking floor plants such as Monstera to create a summery greenhouse vibe.

4

Paint your doors

It's a simple, not-too-labour-intensive and unexpected way to add a pop of colour to your home.

Try giving each door in your place a different hue for a colour block-y theme.

And, if you're really adventurous, add contrasting coloured trim.

5

Spice up your walls

Painting those seasonal accent walls is a nice idea in theory, but a pain when you're a renter who will have to worry about living the place bright white when you move out.

Blik (whatisblik.com), a California-based firm makes self-adhesive wall art that will add colour to your place without damaging your landlord's property.

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Dust begets more dust

Ready for a dust-up with those bunnies?

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Dear Charles the Butler, I am finding it very difficult to do more than "move dust around" when I dust. A lot has to do with static electricity, as the problem is worse on or near electronics such as the TV or DVD player.

I am concerned about the use of water or furniture polishes on some types of wood and wood finishes, as I ruined some pieces a while back using polish. I do like a clean place. Can you help? Robin

Hello Robin,
As I am sure you have all heard me say many times before, dust is both a never-ending duty, and the world today has more dust in it than it has ever had before.

So dealing with the dust is important as it continues to build up and can lead to some big dust bunnies.

Remember that even if you don't use a certain room in your house, you still need to dust that space on a regular basis because dust attracts more dust. Thus, keeping up with this task helps to keep life simpler.

And the selfish result is that it makes dusting easier the more often we do it. Here are some dusting tips:

1. Dust often.

2. Don't use chemical dusting sprays as they often have silicone in them and this builds up on your furniture, and attracts more dust.

3. My personal trick that works perfectly and is used by curators in museums to clean delicate items is to wet your hands just a little, then dry them on a cotton cloth (only 100 per cent cotton).

This process makes the cotton cloth the perfect humidity to "damp dust" — but remember to use very little or no water.

The cloth should be only humid to pick up the dust perfectly.

What's great about this is that there are no chemicals, and the cotton cloths can be cleaned in the washing machine and re-used.

Give this a try and let us know how it works for you.

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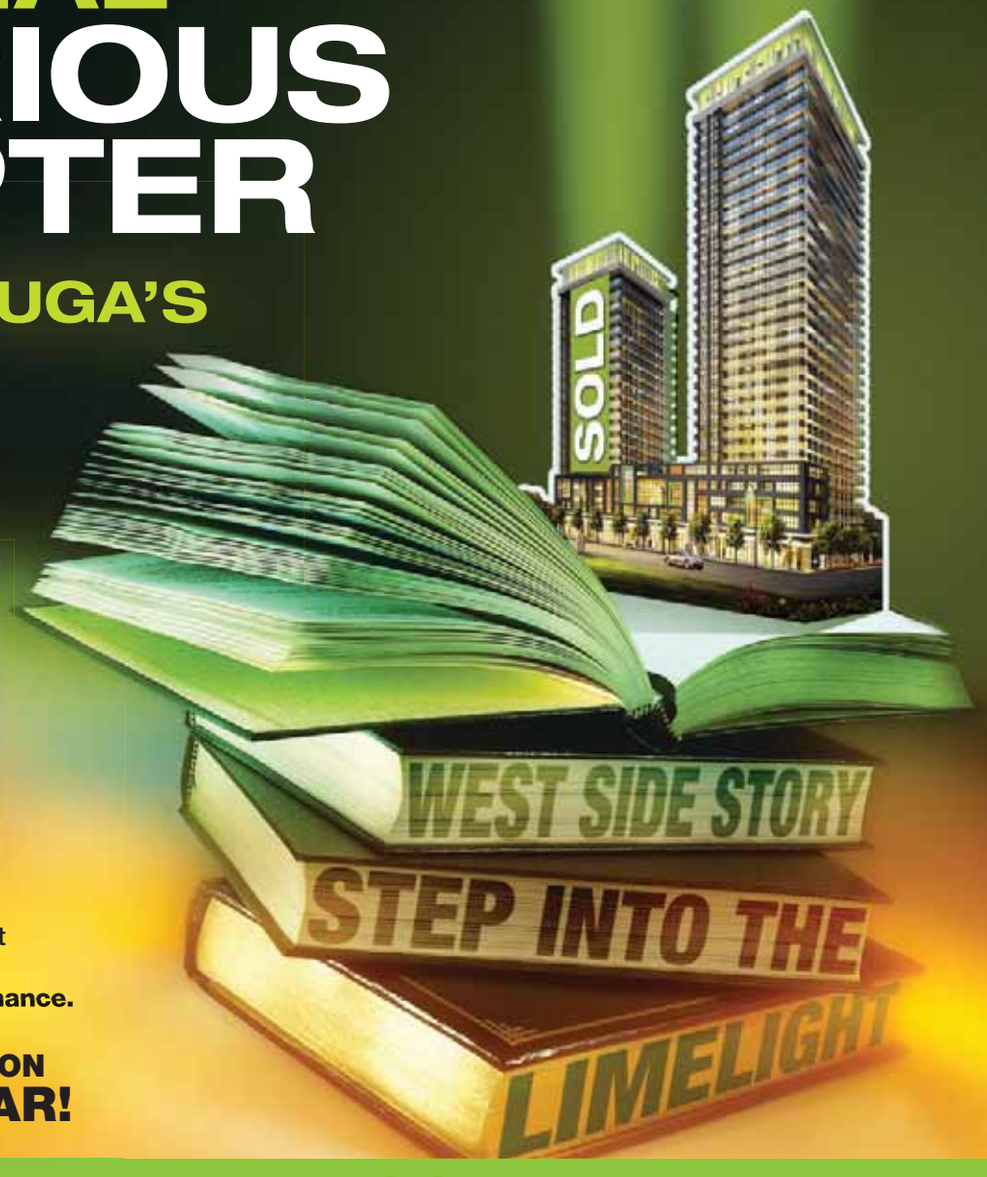

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Match it up: Does this go with that?

Decor ideas. How to match your home decor for a beautiful coordinated look

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Decor rules: Draperies should blend with the wall colour and your style of artwork should inspire the look of your area rugs. CRATEANDBARREL.CA

Like most decor enthusiasts, I prefer to space out my decorating projects and not do it all at once. This gives me a chance to stand back and reflect on my choices. Plus, it's easier on the pocketbook.

But one danger of decorating in stages is that some people may lose focus of the overall look they're trying to achieve. Here's a brief guide to help you get inspired and stay on track:

Fabrics and paint

Start with the largest pattern in each room. In the bedroom, it's the duvet cover/bedding; in the living room it's the sofa; in the bathroom it's the shower curtain.

The second major colour you see in the pattern is the one you match with accessories in the room, and the third colour in the pattern is used for the wall colour.

If there is not a pattern or colour used in your fabric choices then you have a monochromatic colour scheme (all variants of the same colour). In this case, choose the same colour for accessories and wall colours, but choose lighter or darker versions to make things more interesting.

Windows

Shades should blend with the window's framing. If your window trims are white, choose a white window shade. If you have wood window trims, then choose taupe, brown or wood shades.

Draperies should always match the walls. A shade lighter or darker than your paint colour will make them a mainstay classic in the room's decor.

Rugs

Match your area rugs to any artwork you have (or are attracted to). If you like rich Van Gogh-style art, choose richly patterned Persian-style rugs to blend in. If you gravitate toward modern black and white art, choose neutral area rugs in very light or very dark tones.

Lighting

If you are having trouble choosing a lampshade, try matching it to the frames on your walls. If you have dark brown or black frames, choose the same colour for lampshades.

A plain white lampshade will always work but can be a little boring, especially in a room where deeper, darker tones are being used.

Kitchens

The colour of your kitchen backsplash should blend with the upper and lower cabinetry. This will encourage the eye to travel vertically without interruption. For instance, if you have deep-cherry-wood-toned cabinets, your backsplash could be a ruddy brown slate to match.

Countertops should get the same colouring and tones of your appliances. If you've chosen stainless-steel appliances with black trims, a grey-toned counter with dark specs or veining would be perfect.

Come see me!

If you are in the Greater Toronto Area on Thursday, April 12 I'd love to see you at the International Home & Garden Show at the International Centre.

- **Ideas.** I'll be offering decorating advice today on the Celebrity SuperHouse Theatre Stage at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Check out home-show.net for more information.

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Small spaces, big ambitions

Feeling square-foot challenged? A few l'il tips for making small spaces stylish and more comfortable

Small may be in when it comes to homes, but that doesn't mean it's easy to decorate. A few simple guidelines, however, can turn a small space from Dilemma to De-Lovely.

Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan, founder of the decor blog Apartment Therapy and author of The Big Book of Small, Cool Spaces (Clarkson Potter, 2010), thinks it's all about light.

"The single most powerful influencer in a room is the lighting," he says.

Every room should have three sources of illumination, which will bounce off walls and create a visual expanse, Gillingham-Ryan says. Track lighting is a good alternative to free-standing fixtures if space is a problem.

"Track has really improved in the past few years. You don't have to buy a big section with large lights; there are many smaller, attractive options," he says.

Rather than buy adjustable furniture for a multi-purpose small space, "it's better to find good pieces that do what they're supposed to," he says. For example, instead of an ottoman with a lid that flips into a tray, buy a great ottoman and a great tray. "You'll appreciate both pieces so much more."

Gillingham-Ryan suggests limiting the colour palette of a small room. He likes off-white in all its iterations, with bright white on ceilings. "Keep floors dark — they're calming and grounding, and will make the walls seem higher," he says.

Use accessories, such as a great rug, to add colour. "You can't change your square footage, but you can change the way the space feels," he says.

Elaine Griffin, a New York-based designer and author of Design Rules (Gotham, 2009), says a welcoming foyer is near the top of her list for small spaces.

"It's an important part of the psychological experience of coming home. I like to create a 'faux foyer' by sitting a decorative cube or box adjacent to the door with a tray for mail, and perhaps a shelf above for keys, a flower and a fragrant candle. Mount a mirror above the shelf," she says.

In the living area, "avoid the temptation to put your sofa on the long wall. Put it on the short wall, and you'll have more room to create decor zones," Griffin says. Loveseats — popular purchases for small apartments — are "a no-no. Truthfully, they only sit one. Go for the better-proportioned 72-to-76-inch 'apartment-sized' sofa."

In tiny bathrooms, Griffin says, "I'm a big fan of wall-mountable, square mini-shelves, which I station in multiples behind the door. Save the most visible space above the toilet for art."

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Do some vertical thinking

"Often people only look at the 'footprint' of the room. Look for space on the verticals — railings, hooks and shelves on doors and walls can hold baskets and clothing, and serve as drying areas for laundry."

Janice Simonson, IKEA's design spokesperson

Get creative with storage

'Take time to plan and don't buy what you don't need'

Janice Simonson, IKEA's design spokesperson, weighs in on making small spaces beautiful and functional: "Often people only look at the 'footprint' of the room," she says. "Look for space on the verticals — railings, hooks and shelves on doors and walls can hold baskets and clothing, and serve as drying areas for laundry."

She thinks many people err by buying too much storage, ending up with more stuff that takes space.

"Take the time to plan; don't buy anything till you've moved in and unpacked, to see what's needed," she says.

Some other general tips:

- Downsize. What do you need and what can you live without? Rip all your CDs to a hard drive, then sell or donate them. Get rid of anything you rarely use.
- Sight lines are important. Benches, open shelves, furniture with legs, light materials — these help the eye perceive a room as more spacious.
- Mobilize. Rolling tables and carts can serve as dining, work or play pieces.

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That blooming time of year

Your home garden will be green with envy. World horticultural exposition Floriade opens in the Netherlands

The sun is shining, trees are budding, and flowers are unfurling their brilliant petals a bit earlier than planned, thanks to an early Dutch spring and the hundreds of gardeners putting finishing touches on Floriade, the once-a-decade world horticultural exposition.

Organizers are reluctant to repeat the expo's historic billing as "the greatest flower show on earth," because, they say, horticulture encompasses the artistic, scientific and economic aspects of plant care rather than just gardening and looking at flowers.

Still, the flowers are bound to be a major draw, and there are a heck of a lot of them to see.

In all, 1.8 million bulbs have been planted across the exposition's 108-acre (44-hectare) grounds. That's complementing 190,000 perennial flowering plants, 18,000 shrubs, 15,000 hedge plants and 3,000 trees.

One typically Dutch garden already in bloom flaunts two adjacent vistas: one patch of royal purple tulips, mixed with grape and cornflower blue hyacinths. Adjoining it is an eye-popping combination of red and yellow tulips with red, white and blue "baby breath" hyacinths, also known as grape hyacinths. Folding chairs that look like tulips when they snap shut offer a place to sit down and take it all in.

More than 100 participants, often countries or regions, are setting up displays showing off some of their best-known foliage. Some, like China, have built whole pavilions devoted to the latest national trends in plant care and display.

It's "a different experience than a theme park or a zoo," says spokesman Mark Wijman. "It's a very relaxing place, just to walk around and see beautiful things."

Don't worry about missing the plants or flowers in bloom, Wijman assures a group of reporters previewing the grounds in late March, even as hundreds of workmen struggle to complete structures that will house the plants that are still arriving by the truckload: When one field of bulbs has begun to fade, gardening SWAT teams will toil through the night to uproot and replace them.

In addition, whole gardens of perennials have been planted in such a way that new blooms will unfold in different patterns and rippling colours as spring makes way for summer and fall. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An outdoor wonderland

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Floriade spokesman Mark Wijman

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If you go...

Before you drink in all those flowers, here's a few things to consider.

- **Floriade fun.** Runs through Oct. 7 in Venlo, the Netherlands, floriade.com or 011-31-77-30-30-419 (press 3 for English). Adults, $40 and children 4-12, $20. Discounts for groups and grounds-only tickets without the gondola ride. Open daily 10 a.m.-7 p.m. From mid-June to the end of August, open until midnight, with cinema and light shows at night. A tour of the expo's highlights takes about seven hours. Wheelchair-accessible.
- **Getting there.** Venlo is a small city on the Netherlands' eastern border with Germany. Venlo is 140 kilometres from Amsterdam and about the same distance from Brussels, a two-hour trip by car or train assuming no delays. It's slightly closer to The Hague or Rotterdam, and closer still to the Dutch cities of Maastricht and Eindhoven or Germany's Dusseldorf and Cologne. Shuttle buses run from Venlo's central train station to the fair grounds.

A blossoming tree at Floriade ERMINDO ARMINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A tulip field at Floriade. ERMINDO ARMINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gardens with personalities

Flower fans come from all over

Floriade runs through Oct. 7 and is counting on upward of two million visitors from the Netherlands and Germany alone, plus gardening aficionados, flower fans, and businesspeople in smaller numbers from every corner of the world.

Arriving visitors can get an overview of the massive scale of the grounds by taking a gondola ride over the treetops, looking down on the splashes of colour and eccentric buildings far below.

Individual contributors fund their own displays, often with the help of local businesses eager to show off their country's best.

If you've heard of the Netherlands' 17th-century tulip bulb mania, you may enjoy seeing firsthand what all the excitement was about: Some of the strains have been kept alive and pure by aficionados, and are on display.

Perhaps with a nod to Europe's economic crisis, the Greek garden is simplicity itself: a grove of gnarled olive trees planted in rocky soil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Best backyard ever. Expo showcases 'classic' and 'extreme' gardens

While trying to get a handle on all there is to see at Floriade is daunting, there are five broad divisions. To the right of the entrance is the Green Engine, which includes Villa Flora, the indoor part of the exhibition, showcasing "classic, modern, trendy and extreme" tastes.

Straight ahead of the entrance is Environment, which includes a competition on office gardens and some of the expo's more commercial exhibits. One is a rather practical idea: Admire a particular garden layout and think it might look good in your own backyard? Nearby shops are selling combination packages of bulbs or seeds to help you try to replicate it.

To the left of the entrance is the World Show Stage which contains many of the national displays, as well as live performances in the late afternoon, and into the night on weekends. It's also one end of the aerial gondola. On the other end of the gondola, far right of the entrance, is the Relax and Heal zone, where the structures are white, the tea is mint and the cuisine is mostly Asian.

And farthest opposite the entrance is Education and Innovation, which has greenhouse displays including tropical plants from Asia and other equatorial regions, as well as the expo's largest displays for children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How to stop your kids' sports stuff from totally taking over the house

Breeding little athletes? Celebrate the fact your children are active by giving them a place to store all their gear.

It starts with a lacrosse stick and cleats by the front door. Then comes the batting helmet and glove on the bedroom floor, and the baseball hat on the kitchen table. Karate uniforms pile up in the laundry room next to team jerseys, and errant tennis balls roll down the hall.

Can we get through the spring and summer sports seasons without our homes ending up in total disarray?

Interior designer Betsy Burnham, founder of Burnham Design in Los Angeles, says nearly every home remodelling project she works on these days includes a mudroom with one priority: storing and organizing sports equipment.

Here, she and interior design experts Brian Patrick Flynn of decordemon.com and Kyle Schuneman of Live Well Designs offer tips on handling all this gear without sacrificing style, even when you don't have a mudroom.

Pick up pre-fab kitchen cabinets from big-box retailers and install them as storage solutions for kids' rooms. BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/HGTVREMODELS.COM/SARAH DORIO/AP

Begin with workflow

Your system for handling sports clothing, says Schuneman, can be as simple as "two colour-coded baskets by the back door or the laundry room: one for dirty, one for clean. Make it a habit to immediately put your uniforms in the dirty basket after the game," he says.

"Once it's out of the wash, you fold it and put it in the clean basket," rather than putting it away with other clothing in a bedroom.

For a dose of style, use colourful woven baskets rather than typical plastic hampers or laundry bins. Just make sure the youngest kids can easily reach their items. "Once you train yourself to this habit, it will be natural," Schuneman says, and the stress of searching for a team jersey before a game will be history.

Have one spot for sports gear

You don't need a huge space for sports gear, and it doesn't have to be in or near a child's bedroom. "Often people are challenged for space," Burnham says. Any spot works: "It can be a little area under the stairs or one area of your entryway," as long as it's dedicated to sports stuff.

One option is revamping part of your garage, Burnham says. Rather than using plastic storage bins and old boxes, outfit this space with vintage metal containers refurbished with fresh paint, or large baskets with lids. The summer sports season "can be a great reason to give your garage a facelift," Burnham says, using storage that is sturdy but attractive.

Or spend a Saturday cleaning out an entryway closet, then add hooks and baskets for sports items. You may have more space available than you think.

Old school meets after school

"A vintage barrel or ceramic pot can house your tall items, like baseball bats, tennis racquets and lacrosse sticks, next to the bench."

Kyle Schuneman of Live Well Designs

Get creative with cabinets

There are many storage options designed specifically for sporting goods and kids' items. But Flynn suggests thinking more broadly. His favourite creative solution, he says, "always solicits an 'Are you kidding?' response."

"I usually pick up pre-fab kitchen cabinets from big box retailers, then install them as storage solutions for kids' rooms," Flynn says.

"They come in all different sizes, many the ideal depth for basketballs or soccer balls, and many in excellent heights, tall enough for baseball bats or hockey sticks."

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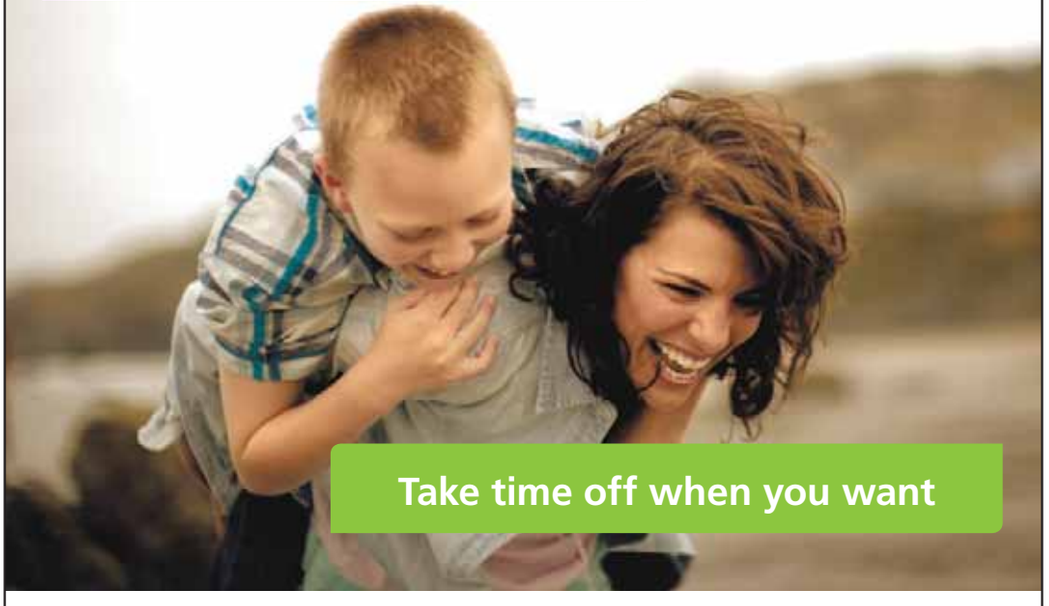

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No such thing as too much humus

Black gold. Humus is what put the 'organic' in organic gardening, and a humus-rich soil is the earmark of any good gardener

Let's pay homage to humus. As the garden gets into full swing, it's a good time for such tribute, because enthusiasm can be parlayed into action.

No one can say exactly what humus (pronounced HUE-mus) is because it's a witch's brew of thousands of organic compounds that result from the decomposition of dead plants and animals.

"Yuck," you say? Don't. Think of compost, leaf mould, the spongy, dark layer of earth you see when you push aside leaves on the forest floor. Think of the rich, dark soils of the Argentine pampas and the Russian steppe. Such soils have been the breadbaskets of the world because they are rich in humus.

Humus is one of those few things in life that you — your soil, rather — cannot get too much of. Although it's naturally present in all soils, if you garden you have to conscientiously preserve and augment humus.

This is because many garden activities hasten humus decomposition. Not that humus decomposition is all bad; many of humus' benefits, such as the release of plant nutrients, come about as humus decomposes. But when humus loss outstrips its accumulation, it's like taking money out of a bank faster than you put it in.

Tilling the soil and using concentrated nitrogen fertilizers accelerate humus decomposition. Tillage charges the soil with air, causing microbial populations to soar, and these hungry microbes then gobble up humus very quickly. Following an initial burst of nutrients, the soil is left poorer.

You can and should add humus to your soil. Grow it in place by setting aside part of your garden or part of the season to cover crops, which are plants grown specifically for soil improvement. Grassy plants, such as oats, rye, sorghum and wheat, are best for increasing soil humus.

Haul humus is the makings of humus in your garden in the form of compost, straw, leaves, wood chips and other bulky plant materials. Just lay these materials on top of the ground and the goodness will naturally work its way down.

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Scratching the surface

Both the chemistry and the feel of humus make it such great stuff.

- **Did you know?** Humus is covered with negative charges, which keep positively charged plant foods, such as potassium and calcium, from washing out of the soil.
- **A soil rich in humus is also rich in microbial glues.** These glues join small clay particles into larger aggregates. Large aggregates have large air spaces between them, and — lo and behold — formerly tight clay soil is now breathing as easily as well-aerated sand.
- **Humus also has buffering acidity, which means that you no longer have to be so careful about getting soil acidity (pH) exactly right.** And humus binds with certain nutrients to make them more easily absorbed by plants.

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4 SPORTS

Quoted

"I'm going to take some time off and not look at the clubs for a while, and then get back after it."

A statement from Tiger Woods on his website Wednesday, announcing that he is taking a three-week break before returning to golf at the Wells Fargo Championship. Woods announced Wednesday he will resume an up-and-down season May 3-6 at Quail Hollow, where he won in 2007. In his last three tournaments, Woods withdrew in the middle of the final round at Doral with a sore Achilles tendon, won at Bay Hill for his first PGA Tour title in 30 months and tied for 40th at the Masters, his worst 72-hole position in any major as a pro.

"I know what I need to work on. It's just a matter of getting out there and doing it. Just putting in the reps and the time. I just wasn't able to do it at the Masters."

Tiger Woods

On the web

There may have been some panicky moments around the country as the 2010 Olympic gold-medal hockey game went to overtime, but as Team Canada head coach Mike Babcock explains in his new book, "there was no way doubt was getting in the dressing room on that day." Scan the code for the story.

Jays right-fielder Jose Bautista tracks down a fly ball as Rajai Davis backs him up Wednesday at Rogers Centre. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Romero rolls past Red Sox

MLB. Jays ace pitches superbly against Boston, at one point retiring 17 straight batters

Final score

Blue Jays	Red Sox
3	1

There's something about facing the Boston Red Sox of late that brings out the best in Ricky Romero.

The Toronto left-hander allowed just one run and three hits over a dominant 8-1/3 innings to lead the Blue Jays to a 3-1 win Wednesday afternoon at Rogers Centre. Romero won his third straight start against Boston, dating back to last season in his longest outing in 14 career starts against the Red Sox.

"I had a good feel for my sinker, I didn't beat the ball into the ground a lot and when you're able to do that you can't get away from it until they make that adjustment," Romero said. "And when they did make that adjustment I had a good curveball going.

"These guys are so tough to pitch to sometimes and you have to keep them off-balance and make good pitches."

Toronto (4-2) won the rubber match of the series behind the performance of its ace, who at one point retired 17 straight Boston hitters in a superbly pitched game that required just two hours 13 minutes to complete.

After allowing a run and three hits in the third inning, Romero, who led Toronto last season in starts (32), wins (15), innings pitched (225) and earned-run average (2.92), really settled into a groove before opening the ninth with consecutive walks to Jacoby Ellsbury and Dustin Pedroia. They moved to third and second, respectively, on Adrian Gonzalez's sacrifice fly, which spelled the end to Romero's day.

Closer Sergio Santos, who blew two save chances earlier this season, fanned Kevin Youkilis and got David Ortiz to hit into a game-ending groundout to cement the victory.

Quoted

"It's nice to finally have my first good outing before these fans. I know they're passionate about their sports and that's all you can ask for."

Blue Jays closer Sergio Santos, who got the final two outs to secure the win.

"Ricky was the story here today," said Toronto manager John Farrell. "I know how much he wanted to finish this game but he more than did his job, and Santos came in and somewhat redeemed himself from his first couple of outings and did what we really anticipated when we acquired him (in the off-season from the Chicago White Sox)."

Romero (1-0) out-duelled Boston left-hander Jon Lester before 25,285 spectators — many of them school kids — at Rogers Centre.

"I felt way better than I did opening day," Romero said. "Any time you go deep in the game, that's what it is all about." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Who's in and who's out in Leafland

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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All the apologies in the world won't stop the rising tide of fan frustration and anger over a Leafs season that began with great promise and ended in abject disaster. But which players deserve to stick around when next season begins?

The answers aren't easy, but deciding on them is the biggest task facing GM Brian Burke. Let's examine Toronto's roster and project which players stick around, which have played their last game in Blue and White and which are on the bubble:

STAYING PUT

James Reimer: Of Toronto's top two goalies, only Reimer is signed for next season. He never found a groove as he did in 2010-11 and will be pushed for the top job by a veteran.

Phil Kessel: Set a career high in goals, but faded during Leafs' late-season spiral. Not a franchise player, yet a key piece.

Dion Phaneuf: Captain and team's top minute-muncher had best year in Toronto, but status as team's top-paid player means he's expected to do more.

Joffrey Lupul: Veteran winger set tone as Toronto's best professional. Injury-related absence was a big factor in the Leafs' extended slump.

Jake Gardiner: Rookie defenceman was a revelation and won't be moved under any circumstances.

Mikhail Grabovski: Speedy centre has a contract extension and one of the biggest hearts on the squad.

Matt Frattin: Youngster needs experience, but Leafs brass loves him.

Mike Brown: Rugged foot-soldier and a favourite of coach Randy Carlyle.

John-Michael Liles: Veteran blue-liner signed four-year contract extension.

Carl Gunnarsson: Swede was one of Leafs' most dependable D-men.

David Steckel: Checking centre did what was asked of him.

BYE-BYE GUYS

Jonas Gustavsson: Hard-luck goalie an unrestricted free agent and needs a fresh start elsewhere.

Mike Komisarek: If proud veteran isn't traded, he's a candidate to have his contract buried in the minors.

Joey Crabb: With Leafs short on cap space, solid fourth-liner and UFA likely gets a big pay raise from another team.

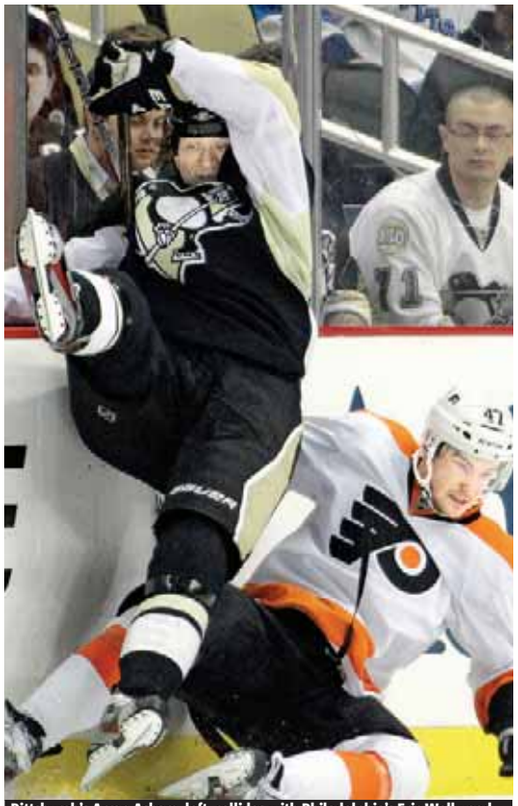
BUBBLE BUDS

Tyler Bozak: Crafty centre has skills, but small stature and calm demeanour don't mesh with team's big picture.

Nikolai Kulemin: Had 30 goals last year, but seven this year. A restricted free agent, he could be traded.

Luke Schenn: May develop into top-tier defensive defenceman, but his game regressed.

Clarke MacArthur: Solid scorer, but entering last season of his contract and isn't a key long-term component.



Pittsburgh's Arron Asham, left, collides with Philadelphia's Eric Wellwood on Wednesday night. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flyers flip the script in Pittsburgh

NHL. Philadelphia recovers from a 3-goal deficit to steal opener from Penguins

Game 1

Flyers	Penguins
4	3

Jakub Voracek beat Marc-Andre Fleury from in close 2:23 into overtime to give the Philadelphia Flyers a 4-3 comeback victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

Fleury stopped Matt Read's shot from the corner, but Voracek pounced on the rebound to cap a furious rally from a 3-0 deficit. Daniel Briere scored twice, and Brayden Schenn added a goal in his playoff debut. Ilya Brzygalov settled down after a shaky start to finish with 25 saves.

Sidney Crosby, Tyler Kennedy and Pascal Dupuis scored for the Penguins, and Fleury stopped 22 shots, but Pittsburgh struggled after dominating the first period.

Game 2 is Friday night in Pittsburgh.

The rivals delivered on their promise to play "whistle-to-whistle" and leave out the rough stuff that highlighted their six regular-season meetings. The game featured only a handful of penalties and little of the typical animosity.

Crosby missed the playoffs last season while dealing with concussion-like symptoms and the memory of watching from the rafters as the Penguins lost to Tampa Bay in seven games remains fresh.

The former MVP wasted little time making up for lost time. He gave Pittsburgh the lead on his second shift, shaking off a hit Philadelphia defenceman Braydon Coburn in the corner then bouncing to his feet and flipping a rebound over Bryzgalov's glove 3:43 into the first period.

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NHL

Toews expected to play Game 1

Chicago captain Jonathan Toews is expected to play in the opening game of the Blackhawks' playoff series against the Phoenix Coyotes on Thursday. He missed the final 22 games of the regular season because of a concussion.

Toews said he felt no concussion-like symptoms at practice Wednesday.

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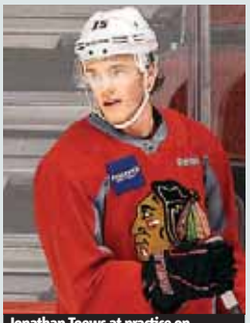

Jonathan Toews at practice on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Davis Cup

Canada to play South Africa

Milos Raonic likes Canada's chances against South Africa in a critical Davis Cup tennis playoff later this year.

Raonic, from Thornhill, is expected to lead the Canadian team into the best-of-five tie. Canada must win in order to remain in the World Group for 2013.

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FIFA

Canada up to 75 in rankings

World champion Spain remained top in FIFA's monthly rankings, and Uruguay rose to third. The Netherlands dropped two places to fourth, losing second to Germany.

Canada, which hasn't played since losing to Armenia in a friendly in February, moved up four spots to 75th.

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS
(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)
Tonight's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 16
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-Ottawa at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 23
x-N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, TBD
Thursday, April 26
x-Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, TBD

BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
Tonight's game
Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.
Monday, April 16
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.

FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
Tomorrow's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)
(Philadelphia leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 3 (OT)
Tomorrow's game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 20
x-Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
Last night's result
Los Angeles at Vancouver
Tomorrow's game
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday, April 22
x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD
Tuesday, April 24
x-Vancouver at Los Angeles, TBD
Thursday, April 26
x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD

ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)
Tonight's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 16
St. Louis at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)
Tonight's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
x-Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)
Last night's result
Detroit at Nashville
Tomorrow's game
Detroit at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Nashville at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 20
x-Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.

x — played only if necessary.

FLYERS 4, PENGUINS 3 (OT)

First Period
1. Pittsburgh, Crosby 1 (Dupuis, Letang) 3:43
2. Pittsburgh, Kennedy 1 (Staal, Letang) 7:49
3. Pittsburgh, Dupuis 1 (Sullivan, Crosby) 19:23
Penalties — None.
Second Period
4. Philadelphia, Briere 1 (Schenn) 6:22
Penalties — Giroux Pha (boarding) 3:04, Rinaldo Pha (cross-checking) 10:06.
Third Period
5. Philadelphia, Briere 2 (Schenn) 9:17
6. Philadelphia, Schenn 1 (Hartnell, Jagr) 12:23 (pp)
Penalties — Jagr Pha (interference) 1:49, Orpik Pgh (interference) 10:41.
Overtime
7. Philadelphia, Voracek 1 (Carle, Read) 2:23
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Philadelphia	6	7	11	2—26
Pittsburgh	13	10	5	0—28

Goal — Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (W,1-0-0); Pittsburgh: Fleury (L,0-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Philadelphia: 1-1; Pittsburgh: 0-3.
Attendance — 18,565 (18,387) at Pittsburgh, Pa.

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Burlington, Vt.
PLAYOFFS
Championship Bracket
Yesterday's results
Quarter-finals
Finland 2 Sweden 1
Switzerland 5 Russia 2
Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
Fifth Place
Russia vs. Sweden, 5 p.m.
Semifinals
Canada vs. Finland, 3 p.m.
U.S. vs. Switzerland, 7 p.m.
RELEGATION BRACKET
(Best-of-3; loser drops down to B-Pool)
(Germany leads series 1-0)
Yesterday's result
Germany 2 Slovakia 1 (SO)
Tomorrow's game
Slovakia vs. Germany, 1 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	4	1	.800	—
Toronto	4	2	.667	½
Baltimore	3	2	.600	1
New York	2	3	.400	2
Boston	1	5	.167	3½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	4	1	.800	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	1
Kansas City	3	3	.500	1½
Cleveland	1	4	.200	3
Minnesota	0	4	.000	3½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	4	1	.800	—
Seattle	3	3	.500	1½
Los Angeles	2	2	.500	1½
Oakland	3	4	.429	2

Yesterday's results
Toronto 3 Boston 1
Chicago White Sox 10 Cleveland 6
Oakland 5 Kansas City 4 (12 innings)
Tampa Bay 4 Detroit 2
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore
Seattle at Texas
L.A. Angels at Minnesota
Tuesday's results
Toronto 7 Boston 3
Detroit 5 Tampa Bay 2
NY Yankees 5 Baltimore 4 (12 innings)
Texas 1 Seattle 0
Kansas City 3 Oakland 0 (8 innings)
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland (ppd., rain)
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Tampa Bay (Niemann 0-0) at Detroit (Smyly 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Haren 0-1) at Minnesota (Liriano 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Vargas 1-0) at Texas (D.Holland 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 2:05 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Texas at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 3, RED SOX 1

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	3	0	1	1	YEscor ss	3	0	1	2
Pedroia 2b	3	0	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	3	0	0	0
AdGnzl 1b	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	3	0	0	0
Youkils 3b	4	0	0	0	Encrnc 1b	3	0	0	0
Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	BFrncs dh	3	0	0	0
DMcDn rf	3	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	3	0	0	0
C.Ross lf	3	0	1	0	Thams lf	3	1	1	0
Aviles ss	3	1	1	0	Rasms cf	0	0	0	0
Shppch c	3	0	0	0	Arencii c	3	0	0	0
RDavis cf-lf	2	2	1	1					
Totals	**30**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**Totals**		**26**	**3**	**3**
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Toronto					**002**	**000**	**01x**		**3**

LOB—Boston 4, Toronto 2. 3B—R.Davis (1). SB—R.Davis (2). SF—Y.Escobar.

Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lester L,0-1	8	3	3	3	2	6
Toronto						
R.Romero W,1-0	8 1-3	3	1	1	2	5
Santos S,1-3	2-3	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Lester. PB—Shoppach.
Umpires—Home, Ted Barrett; First, Brian Runge; Second, Marvin Hudson; Third, Tim McClelland.
T—2:13. A—25,285 (49,260) at Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	4	2	.667	—
Washington	4	2	.667	—
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	1½
Miami	2	4	.333	2
Atlanta	1	4	.200	2½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	2	.714	—
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	½
Houston	3	2	.600	1
Cincinnati	3	3	.500	1½
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	1½
Chicago	1	5	.167	3½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	4	1	.800	—
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	—
San Diego	2	4	.333	2½
Colorado	1	3	.250	2½
San Francisco	1	3	.250	2½

Yesterday's results
Cincinnati 4 St. Louis 3
Washington 4 N.Y. Mets 0
Milwaukee 2 Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 7 Miami 1
San Diego 2 Arizona 1
Atlanta at Houston
San Francisco at Colorado
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers
Tuesday's results
Arizona 4 San Diego 2 (11 innings)
Atlanta 6 Houston 4
L.A. Dodgers 2 Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 7 Chicago Cubs 4
St. Louis 3 Cincinnati 1
Washington 6 N.Y. Mets 2
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Cincinnati (Latos 0-1) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Greinke 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 0-1) at Colorado (Moyer 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
Miami (Buehrle 0-1) at Philadelphia (Blanton 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 1-0) at San Diego (Bass 0-1), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Karstens 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 0-0), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 3:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 4:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	13	7	6	.538	158	153	—
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183	½
Buffalo	13	5	8	.385	159	168	2
Rochester	13	5	8	.385	159	164	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Calgary	14	11	3	.786	195	150	—
x-Colorado	13	10	3	.769	174	159	½
Minnesota	13	6	7	.462	157	158	4½
Edmonton	12	4	8	.333	125	135	6
Washington	13	4	9	.308	141	157	6½

x — clinched playoff berth.
Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Calgary at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	44	14	.759	—
x-Miami	40	16	.714	3
Indiana	35	22	.614	8½
d-Boston	33	24	.579	10½
Atlanta	34	23	.596	9½
Orlando	34	24	.586	10
Philadelphia	31	27	.534	13
New York	29	28	.509	14½
Milwaukee	28	29	.491	15½
Detroit	21	36	.368	22½
New Jersey	21	38	.356	23½
Cleveland	19	36	.345	23½
Toronto	20	39	.339	24½
Washington	14	44	.241	30
Charlotte	7	49	.125	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	42	15	.737	—
x-San Antonio	40	15	.727	1
d-L.A. Lakers	36	22	.621	6½
L.A. Clippers	34	23	.596	8
Memphis	33	23	.589	8½
Houston	32	25	.561	10
Dallas	32	26	.552	10½
Denver	31	26	.544	11
Phoenix	30	27	.526	12
Utah	30	28	.517	12½
Portland	27	31	.466	15½
Minnesota	25	33	.431	17½
Golden State	22	34	.393	19½
Sacramento	19	39	.328	23½
New Orleans	15	42	.263	27

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Philadelphia 93 Toronto 75
Indiana 104 Cleveland 98
Memphis 104 Phoenix 93
New Orleans 105 Sacramento 96
Utah 103 Houston 91
LA Clippers at Oklahoma City
New York at Milwaukee
Atlanta at Boston
LA Lakers at San Antonio
Minnesota at Denver
Golden State at Portland
Tuesday's results
Boston 115 Miami 107
Chicago 98 New York 86
Cleveland 103, Charlotte 90
Dallas 110 Sacramento 100
Philadelphia 107 New Jersey 88
Washington 93 Orlando 85
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	56	558	372	1572	28.1
Durant, OkC	57	556	352	1575	27.6
James, Mia	55	550	335	1481	26.9
Love, Minn	54	474	379	1432	26.5
Westbrook, OkC	57	518	289	1382	24.2
Wade, Mia	45	389	222	1015	22.6
Aldridge, Por	55	483	223	1191	21.7

Not including last night's games

76ERS 93, RAPTORS 75

PHILADELPHIA (93)
Iguodala 4-7 1-2 10, Brand 4-9 3-4 11, Vucevic 5-9 2-2 12, Holiday 4-9 0-2 8, Meeks 3-7 1-1 7, T.Young 8-12 1-3 17, Williams 4-8 2-2 10, Hawes 5-9 0-0 10, Turner 3-6 0-0 6, S.Young 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-77 10-16 93.
TORONTO (75)
Anderson 4-12 4-5 13, A.Johnson 1-8 0-0 2, Gray 0-4 0-0 0, Calderon 3-5 2-2 9, DeRozan 5-9 1-1 11, Davis 5-12 3-4 13, Dentmon 2-3 0-0 5, Forbes 4-10 0-0 10, J.Johnson 2-11 0-0 5, Kleiza 2-5 0-0 5, Alabi 0-0 0-0 0, Uzoh 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-80 10-12 75.

Philadelphia	20	22	21	30	—93
Toronto	20	17	20	18	—75

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 1-10 (Iguodala 1-2, Brand 0-1, Holiday 0-1, Williams 0-2, Meeks 0-4), Toronto 7-18 (Forbes 2-4, Dentmon 1-1, Calderon 1-2, J.Johnson 1-2, Kleiza 1-3, Anderson 1-4, DeRozan 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 49 (Brand, Turner 8), Toronto 46 (Davis 13). Assists—Philadelphia 27 (Holiday 7), Toronto 18 (Davis 5). Total Fouls—Philadelphia 14, Toronto 15. Technicals—Philadelphia defensive three second 2. A—16,324 (19,800) at Toronto.

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	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	5	5	0	0	8	1	15
New York	4	2	2	0	10	7	6
Columbus	3	2	1	0	3	2	6
Houston	3	2	1	0	2	2	6
New England	5	2	3	0	4	6	6
D.C. United	5	1	2	2	5	5	5
Chicago	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Montreal	6	1	4	1	5	12	4
Philadelphia	4	0	3	1	2	6	1
Toronto	4	0	4	0	2	9	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Real Salt Lake	6	5	1	0	11	4	15
San Jose	5	4	1	0	8	2	12
Colorado	5	3	2	0	7	7	9
Vancouver	5	2	1	2	4	3	8
Seattle	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Dallas	5	2	2	1	6	8	7
Chivas USA	5	2	3	0	3	4	6
Portland	5	1	3	1	7	8	4
Los Angeles	4	1	3	0	5	8	3

Saturday's games — All Times Eastern
Columbus at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 4 p.m.
D.C. United at New England, 4 p.m.
Chivas USA at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose at New York, 7 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Yesterday's results
Manchester City 4 West Bromwich Albion 0
Queens Park Rangers 3 Swansea 0
Wigan 1 Manchester United 0
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 Arsenal 3

ITALY

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Catania 1 Lecce 2
Fiorentina 0 Palermo 0
Genoa 1 Cesena 1
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Napoli 1 Atalanta 3
Parma 2 Novara 0
Roma 3 Udinese 1

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76ers defence suffocates Raptors

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Wednesday's game

76ers	Raptors
93	75

The offensive leader and calming influence was back in the lockerroom having more stitches put in his head; the best scorer on the team was in street clothes; the rest of the roster couldn't buy a shot against one of the best defensive teams in the NBA.

It's no surprise, really, that a makeshift Raptors lineup of D Leaguers and players being asked to expand their roles too much showed a high level of capitulation at the Air Canada Centre on Wednesday night.

"One thing we're looking for is fight going down the stretch — scrapping and fighting — and I didn't see that," coach Dwane Casey said after the Philadelphia 76ers rolled to an easy 93-75 victory.

"Once Philly hit us, I thought it knocked us back and we really didn't bounce back and have any swing left.

"It was 30-18 in the fourth quarter and it was a lot bigger than that for a long time."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Injury woes

- The club looked stagnant offensively without Andrea Bargnani — who sat out his second straight game with a left calf injury.
- Jose Calderon left the game after a head-butt from Philadelphia's Jrue Holiday in his right eye in the third-quarter. Linas Kleiza also sat out the second half with a sore right knee.

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Ed Davis dunks as 76ers' Spencer Hawes, centre left, Evan Turner, left, and Thaddeus Young, look on Wednesday in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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8 Sedimentary deposit
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13 Swelled head
14 Freshly
15 Send forth
16 Lair
17 Start over
18 Man's hat style
20 Campus area
22 Etui's cousin?
26 Invigorating
29 Coop occupant
30 Street address?
31 Tramp's love
32 Pickle container
33 Actress Jessica
34 Whatever amount
35 Pitch
36 Skin
37 1959 Hudson/Day movie
40 Gentle soul
41 Subtlety
45 Raised platform
47 Make a choice
49 Gander
50 Into the sunrise
51 Digits (Abbr.)
52 Capri, e.g.
53 Crazy
54 Actor Ron
55 Geographical septet

Down

1 Coral structure
2 Pinnacle
3 Crossword diagram
4 Final exam?
5 Car style
6 Census statistic
7 Triumph over
8 Fergie, less familiarly
9 Like wax fruit
10 Started
11 Teeter-totter quorum
19 Sartorial problem
21 Sailors' org.
23 "USA Today" feature
24 Spheres
25 Ark skipper
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27 Hindu princess
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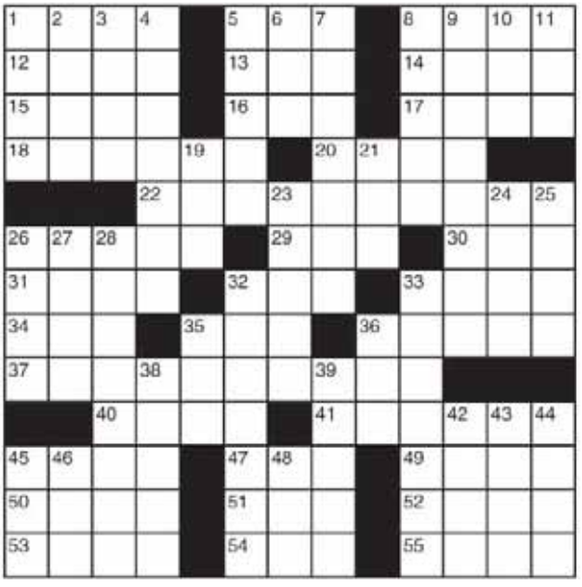

Sudoku

8					6			
2				1		3	9	
1		5			8			
5	6	8				4		
4								2
		7				5	6	1
			2			8		7
	1	4		3				6
			6					9

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	2	6	4	9	5	3	8	7
7	8	4	1	3	2	5	9	6
9	3	5	7	8	6	2	4	1
2	6	7	9	4	1	8	5	3
3	4	9	5	7	8	1	6	2
8	5	1	2	6	3	4	7	9
4	1	2	6	5	7	9	3	8
6	9	3	8	1	4	7	2	5
5	7	8	3	2	9	6	1	4

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play
This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

QNCI H UESER PM YCUK HSMEUSCG PI YPCQPIZ MEBCRNPIZ, BPZNR EIC MHK PRM CKCM HUC UPYCRCG?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE ZOO, A BUNCH OF WICKED ZEBRAS WERE UNASHAMEDLY PLAYING A GAME OF STRIPE POKER.

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Gemini | May 22 - June 20. This is a good time to approach people in positions of authority, especially if you need support.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You can accomplish almost anything you want to, but you've got to look confident.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. What you want more than anything today is financial stability. How can you make your talents pay?

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If a loved one makes a silly mistake today don't make a big issue of it.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. With mind planet Mercury at odds with Saturn in your sign, you could easily fall into the trap of thinking that something is important when it really doesn't matter at all.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Give as much of yourself as you can today. Be generous to those you love and to those whose words and activities rub you the wrong way.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. This is a good time to deal with issues on the home front.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. If you have done something wrong, now is the time to apologize. The planets will help you to find just the right words.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. There is no such thing as something for nothing – ever. Keep that simple truth in front of you today and you won't go far wrong.

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